

December Highlights

Barn Quilts of Grundy County



2007 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

With 2007 nearing an end, it is time once again to take time to reflect on the accomplishments and projects that the Barn Quilts of Grundy County worked on throughout the past year. We have had a successful year in many ways:

- The new Barn Quilts of Grundy County website was launched early in 2007. To check out the new look and information, go to www.grundycountyia.com.
- A "Circle the Countryside" brochure was designed and printed to showcase some of the specialty shops, restaurants and banks in the county. This has been a great tool for tours and for general information.
- The Barn Quilt Project was featured on Iowa Public Television "Farmers Almanac TV", Country Woman Magazine, Hy-Capacity 2008 calendar, and many other publication.
- Hosted 11 motor coach tours in the county and countless self-guided tours.
- The Central Iowa Camera Club used the Barn Quilts of Grundy County as their backdrop for an annual meeting.
- Completed 14 new Barn Quilts in the county. Have you seen them yet?
- Designed and printed the 1st Edition Barn Quilts of Grundy County cookbook and 2008 calendar featuring the new 14 blocks
- Represented Grundy County and the Barn Quilts of Grundy County at the Iowa State Fair Tourism building and at the CITR Travel Iowa show.

It will be an interesting 2008 as the project will continue to increase the number of quilt blocks in the county. This continuation of the project would not have been possible without the Grundy County Community Foundation and the grant received. The grant will allow us to put up 9 new quilt blocks. I am sure many more activities, tours and projects will be planned for the next year, and I look forward to promoting and bettering the project in the next year.

The Barn Quilts of Grundy County would like to thank everyone for their continued support and who has helped make 2007 a very successful year!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS AND SEE YOU IN 2008!

Thinking Ahead

2007 brought 11 bus tours into Grundy County to view the Barn Quilts of Grundy County. The buses, all bringing 30+ people on each trip, viewed the quilt blocks on the "Loop" and traveled through Wellsburg, Conrad, Beaman, Grundy Center, Morrison, Reinbeck and Dike.

The motorcoach groups came from a variety of places such as: Cedar Rapids, Centerville, Oelwein, Davenport, Prairie City, Fairfield, and even a group from Michigan. I even have two tours already planned for 2008 and they will be bringing people from the Traer area and Austin, Minnesota! It really is great to hear where these people come from and how they have heard of the Barn Quilt Project. And each group is different, so it definitely makes for interesting tours!

If your traveling group is looking for ideas in 2008, send them to Grundy County! Take a half-day or a full day to travel the countryside and get acquainted with the Barn Quilts of Grundy County. Even if you have already taken the tour, we have over 14 new quilt blocks with more coming in the Spring and Summer 2008.

These large group tours are a great way to get people acquainted with the communities and county with museum visits, short stops for pictures and of course shopping, and much more. If they visit once and enjoyed themselves, there is a greater chance that they will return for a second or even third time. We strive to make their Barn Quilt Day informational, relaxing and fun. And don't forget about self-guided tours. They are almost better because you have the ability to stop when and where you want and for as long as desired. For information on self-guided tours or a free self-guided tour cd, contact Kelly at 319.825.3606 or email barnquilts@gcmuni.net.

Want More Info?

Please visit our website at <http://www.grundycountytia.com> and click on the Barn Quilt logo to learn more about the Barn Quilts of Grundy County. If you have any questions, or would like more information about any aspect of the Barn Quilt Project, please do not hesitate to contact us:

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HOLIDAY GIFT IDEAS

Looking for something easy for holiday gift giving? Look no further than the Barn Quilts of Grundy County. With the '08 calendar features 13 new locations and quilt blocks and the 1st Edition Cookbooks you have plenty to give to even the most picky person on your list! If you'd like to order yours now, contact Kelly at 319.825.3606 or email barnquilts@gcmuni.net for more details.

You can also purchase your 2008 calendars (\$10) and Barn Quilt cookbooks (\$15) at:

Brick Bungalow (504 W. 4th St., Wellsburg)
Conrad General Store (101 N. Main St., Conrad)
Gems Antiques & Other Fine Things (719 G Ave.)
Grundy County Development Alliance (705 F. Ave.)
Grundy County Extension (703 F. Ave.)
Grundy County Farm Bureau (602 8th St.)
Grundy County Heritage Welcome Center (the Mill)
Grundy Shoebox (617 G Ave., Grundy Center)
Manly's Drug Store (625 G Ave., Grundy Center)
Grundy County Heritage Museum (204 4th St., Morrison)
Simple Pleasures (202 Broad St., Reinbeck)
Country Closet (427 Main St., Reinbeck)
Waterloo/Cedar Falls Visitors Bureau

