

January Highlights

Barn Quilts of Grundy County



Wisconsin Friends

About a week ago, I had received a phone call from a very interested and excited lady from Wisconsin. Her name is Mary Jo Stutenberg and she lives in Cuba City, WI. (About 1 1/2 miles east of Cuba City, WI. Cuba is about 10 miles south of Platteville, WI, 15 miles north of Galena, IL and 20 miles north-east of Dubuque, IA.) She explained to me that she had heard about the Barn Quilts of Grundy County and wanted to order a 2008 calendar. As we got to talking, she told me she'd like to start a project similar to the Barn Quilts of Grundy County in her South-west region of Wisconsin. I told her about the project and how great it would be to spread the project into neighboring states. She later sent me a note and a picture of a quilt block her family painted for her. Mary Jo's note reads:



I had seen a quilt on Hwy 80 north of Galena, IL close to where we live. It piqued my interest in learning more about the barn quilts. I had planned to make one for our barn and was looking through patterns to see what I liked. I had narrowed the choice to a few blocks including the one finally chosen. My son's girlfriend took the project and ran with it - inviting my other son and his wife to help make one. So one nasty, wintry weekend in December, the four kids got together and made one as a Christmas gift for my husband and me. The kids hid the finished quilt in the barn and gave me a small "album" of pictures of them working on the quilt in a package to open at Christmas. What a surprise! Now to paint the barn this spring and mount the quilt! The design they chose was found on a website and titled American Flag. I cannot locate a true name for the pattern so I have called ours American Pride instead. This block has special meaning as we think of it as a tribute to our son, Kevin, who served with the IA Natl Guard in Iraq from 2003-2004. It also honors my husband's and my father who both served in WWII. I am hoping to get a project similar to yours started here in the SW region of WI. Thanks again for sharing info with me!

Notes and special phone calls like this definitely brighten my day and really lets me know that our project, Barn Quilts of Grundy County, has made an impact to not only our local county residents but to so many others from around the state and country. Keep those stories and experiences coming!

Have You Got Yours?

Don't be wondering what date it is, just get a 2008 Barn Quilts of Grundy County calendar! Only \$10/ each. Call 319-825-3606 or email barnquilts@gcmuni.net to order yours today!



Don't forget about the Barn Quilts of Grundy County 1st Edition Cookbooks either! Over 300 locally tried-tested-& tasted recipes. Only \$15/each!

Grundy County Locations Needed!

The Barn Quilts of Grundy County is actively seeking out new locations that would be interested in being a part of this incredible project. If you or someone you know has a barn/corncrib/farm building that meets the criteria to be included in the project, please contact the Barn Quilts of Grundy County Project Coordinator. The Project received funding from the Grundy County Community Foundation in 2007 to help cover the costs of the project and to keep general supply costs minimal for barn owners. Therefore, we ask you to help us find locations that could use a beautiful quilt block. The criteria to be considered a Barn Quilt location is: building must be in Grundy County, building is at least 50+ years old, and must be on a paved road.

Please submit any ideas to Kelly at the Grundy County Development Alliance at 319-825-3606 or email barnquilts@gcmuni.net.