

Barn Quilts, Frank Lloyd Wright and More

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Spring to Early Summer

Bullets:

- Sample the first county-wide Barn Quilt Tour in Illinois
- Visit over 220,000 square feet of greenhouses and outdoor landscaping displays
- Take a break in a historic downtown listed in the National Register of Historic Places
- See a renovated one-room school house and learn about the birth of Dairy Queen
- Visit a house considered the first Prairie Style House designed by Frank Lloyd Wright

Description:

Kankakee County's unique attractions highlight the arts and culture of our area. See the area's largest greenhouse where you can learn growing tips from experts. Discover a historic Museum that explains how Dairy Queen got started. Visit a Frank Lloyd Wright designed house, the first he designed in the Prairie style. Don't miss part of the Kankakee County Barn Quilt Tour to see the barn featured on the cover of a best-selling book.

Itinerary:

Day 1 - Begin by exploring history, art, and tradition on the Barn Quilt Tour where colorful quilt patterns are hand painted then displayed on historic barns and corn cribs in Kankakee County's scenic countryside. Request a step-on guide and custom route to make the most of this unique experience. As an extra bonus, be sure to stop by the Larson Barn, whose Corn and Beans Pattern is featured on the cover of Suzi Parron's Book, Barn Quilts and the American Quilt Trail Movement.

Stop to stretch your legs on Historic Main Street Momenca. Reflecting the historic integrity and character of the district, it had been awarded a place on the National Register of Historic Places. Request a wine tasting and have lunch at Off the Vine. Complete the day at Sunrise Greenhouse, Inc., with more than 220,000 square feet of greenhouses and a 2-acre display garden to inspire new ideas. Arrange to meet staff gardening experts that can provide you with guided tours and insightful tips to help your blooms be the brightest.

Day 2 - Wind down the Barn Quilt Tour on the East side of Kankakee County along the scenic Kankakee River. Make your last stop at the Kankakee County Museum and Historical Society, where you can explore a Barn Quilt display up close and photograph historic buildings on the museum campus. Take an educational tour at the museum discover exhibits including items from three Illinois State Governor's that came from Kankakee County and how Dairy Queen got its start. The museum gift shop offers a variety of Kankakee related items in addition to gift items relating to the Barn Quilts.

After taking a break at one of the nearby unique eateries, it is a short drive to Frank Lloyd Wright's B. Harley Bradley House, situated in the heart of the Riverview Historic District. Guided one-hour tours are available to learn more about how this property marks the beginning of Wright's Prairie School Style period. Afterwards, enhance your experience at the Stable Gift Shop that offers a large array of Wright inspired items.