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Quilts on Barns Community Day

The Racine Arts Council and Real Racine are hosting a “Quilts on Barns Road Rally”, October 10th utilizing our driving tour map of 26 quilted barns. County Executive Delagrave and Mayor Mason have declared this day “Community Quilt Day”. What better way to celebrate our beautiful county than to travel throughout rural and urban areas looking for quilted barns, driving down rustic roads, eating a caramel apple and enjoying the fall color!

Quilts on Barns, the Beauty of Rural Art, started in 2008 with local quilt enthusiast Kathi Wilson when she saw quilts barn patterns in Grundy County Iowa. As she took a tour with her mother, she asked the question “Why don’t we have something like this in Racine County!”. That started a partnership with the Racine Arts Council that has become a tourist attraction and a local folkart tour, each year adding a couple patterns to enhance the beauty of the “Positive Power of Art”.

Visitors will enjoy the designs of local artist Libby Cameron on “Blue Ribbon Horse”, “Rusty Horseshoes” and “Quarter Horse Cross” in Caledonia, “Connecting the Arts”, commissioned for the RAC 50th Anniversary designed by Maureen Fritchen in Wind Lake/Norway and other quilted barns along the way. We have agriculture corn, soy and dairy farms, pumpkin patches with fall festivals, beautiful rivers and lakes, bike trails, urban shops, rustic roads, historical Frank Lloyd Wright buildings, views of the Windpoint Lighthouse and beaches on Lake Michigan, quilt stores, downtown shops, local historical museums, UGRR sights and an active art & music scene! You can participate in this community event by taking the tour or by displaying a quilt in a window, on your front porch, fence or clothesline wherever you live. Be part of the fun!

We are giving away a lap quilt and many gift baskets at the end of the road rally. Your rally card is your drawing entry. Here is what you do to join the road rally:

- Stop at **Real Racine Visitor Center**, 14015 Washington Ave. Sturtevant or **Downtown Racine Corp**, 425 Main St. Racine to pick up a Quilts on Barns Road Rally instruction card (\$5.00) and map from 8:00-3:00. Fill out your rally card for a **drawing of a quilt or goodie basket**. To print a rally card go to: www.racineartscouncil.org A GPS interactive map is available at www.realracine.com
- Visit **four (4)** barns and take a **selfie** photo of each.
- **Send a photo or two to:** director@racineartscouncil.org Mail your printed rally card to: Racine Arts Council, 716 College Ave, Racine, WI 53403. Must be received by Monday October 16th. Drawing will be Saturday October 17, 2020.