

Barnology®

2010

1 Day: October 16, 2010



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Calling all “barnologists.” Travel down memory lane as we take part in the 9th annual Iowa Barn Foundation’s (IBF) All-State Barn Tour. During the event, Iowa barns which have been restored with IBF matching grants, are open to the public. During our full day, we’ll stop at 3 IBF barns and other unique barns along the way. To help support the IBF’s cause, the price of this tour package includes a donation to the organization.

First we’ll mosey on down the road for morning **treats** at the IBF **Hanson Barn** near Mingo. The Hanson barn was built some time around 1901, however some of the hand-hewn support posts date from the 1880’s, so it is possible that the barn was built then and remodeled over time. This barn features a gable roof, mortise & tenon joints and board & batten siding.



You’ll be fascinated by our next stop - the **Maytag Dairy Farms**, home of the famous Maytag Blue Cheese. On October 11, 1941, the first wheels of Maytag Blue Cheese were formed and aged in caves. Today, they still make each wheel by hand, aging it twice as long as most other blue cheeses. Cheese production has grown to nearly one million pounds per year. From the cheese shop you’ll get a birds-eye view of the cheese plant and farm. We’ll tour the packaging and shipping areas, view a video of

the farms’ history and of course, **sample cheese!** We’ll have coolers along in case you wish to make a purchase.

Just down the road near Grinnell stands the IBF **Ihde Barn** built on a working farm known for its Angus cattle. The barn was specifically designed to emphasize the short, compact body of Angus via two contrasting ceiling levels and a higher center alley floor as compared to the pen floor. The ceiling above the cattle made them appear to have larger body size relative to the space they occupied – very unique.



We’ll enjoy a late **lunch** at the **Depot Crossing in Grinnell**. This Union Station Depot was completed in 1893 and housed the offices of two intersecting rail lines. For several decades there were three passenger and freight lines that stopped there, making the Union Depot a bustling center of activity. When passenger service to Grinnell was terminated, the Depot was abandoned and stood vacant for several years before being renovated as a restaurant in 1993.

Next up are the **Lang Barns**: including a 1916 brick barn which is a landmark in Grinnell and a smaller barn, across the road, built in 1892, which features mortise & tenon joints. These two barns have earned the IBF Award of Distinction, awarded to property owners who restore their barns at their own expense. Awards of Distinction owners take great pride in their barns and by their efforts, enrich Iowa. Eligible barns must be restored as closely as possible to original condition. These two are real beauties!



Just down the road, our last stop of the day is **Carroll’s Pumpkin Farm**. This original 40’ X 60’ barn was built with all redwood lumber in 1941, and housed work horses as well as milk cows. Much of the barn is still original, including milking stanchions and the loft hay fork & rail. An addition to the barn was built in 2005 to accommodate the pumpkin farm customers that visit every fall. You’ll be **treated** to the Carrolls’ famous caramel apple cookie and your choice of hot apple cider or pumpkin spice latte. You can ride the wagons to the pumpkin field, cheer for the pumpkin catapult, be entertained in the hayloft by a seasonal entertainer or shop in their unique gift shop. What a great way to end an autumn day!

Reservations & Information: 1-877-694-8687 or www.northlandtravel.com

Your 1-day Barnology outing includes: Luxury motor coach transportation from our guaranteed departure cities, morning treats, lunch (meals inclusive of tax and gratuity), afternoon treats, tours, and a donation to the Iowa Barn Foundation.

\$97 per person

Reservations: anytime as long as space is available

Deposit: \$25 per person, due with reservation

Balance due: September 16

Cancel by: September 16 for penalty-free cancellations

Peace of Mind Protection: \$5 per person, due with deposit

Guaranteed Departure Cities: Fort Dodge, Webster City, Williams, Story City, Ames, and Des Moines.