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September 19, 2009
1 Day

BARNOLOGY® 2009

This travel package planned and escorted by Deann Haden-Luke.

Journey back to Iowa's rural roots as we study barns during the 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. We'll stop at 5 IBF barns as well as other unique stops along the way. To help support the IBF's cause, the price of this tour package includes a **donation** to the organization.

Begin the day with **treats** at the **Handsaker Barn**, located near the tiny town of Fernald. The Handsaker barn, featured on the cover of the Spring 2003 edition of the *Iowa Barn Foundation Magazine*, is a unique square barn built in 1880 by the great-great grandfather of the current owner, who has restored the barn back to its original grandeur.

Next stop, the **Twedt barn**. This structure utilizes 40 two-ply laminate rafters to support a rounded roof making the hayloft free of posts and beams. The farm was once owned by Hoyt Sherman, brother of the Civil War general.

We'll stop for an early **lunch** at the Country House Family Restaurant just outside of Colo. What's cookin'? Their famous roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, home-made bread, coleslaw, green beans and cake – mmm, just like home.

We'll head to State Center to tour three unique gems – the **Watson Grocery Museum**, historic **Schleppler Barber shop**, and famous **Pfantz barn**. The Pfantz barn is a spectacular horse barn, complete with intact cupola. This famous barn was the 2001 production area and location headquarters for PBS's Masterpiece Theatre production of *Cora Unashamed* based on the novel by Langston Hughes. This movie (available at most larger video rental outlets) shared the Depression-era story of an African American domestic working in a stifling Midwestern household. Much of the movie was filmed in the adjacent Pfantz family home, requiring them to move out for a month!

Next stop is the intriguing **Dobbin round barn**, built by the Dobbin family in 1917. This was a pre-cut structure designed and made to order by the Gordon VanTine Company of Davenport, Iowa for \$6,000. Carpenters assembled the numbered pieces into the 65-foot diameter barn with silo in the middle and large, round cupola on top, earning it an Award of Distinction by the Iowa Barn Foundation.

Just a short trip down the road is the **Buck barn**, an example of how a potential tear-down can be turned into a jewel. Believed to have been built in the 1870s, the structure features a gable roof, "wooden peg" construction, board-and-batten siding and a wonderful wood-louvered cupola. They don't make 'em like this anymore.

With the day winding down, we'll stop once more for a quick break before chasing the setting sun, daydreaming of nostalgic days on the farm.



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

\$87 per person

Reservations: anytime as long as space is available

Deposit: \$30 per person, due with reservation

Balance due: August 19

Cancel by: August 19 for penalty-free cancellations

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

Guaranteed departure cities: Fort Dodge, Webster City, Williams, Story City and Ames.

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