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Sac County Quilt-A-Fair Scheduled for September

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After organizing a very successful Sac County Quilt-A-Fair in 2007, the quilters around the county are planning another event for September 26-27, 2009. The Quilt-A-Fair will be at the Sac County Fairgrounds, where two buildings will be filled with beautiful, artistic creations of Sac County area residents. The Sac County Quilt-A-Fair evolved from the barn quilt project in this county. Wall Lake quilter, Cathy Cook, who provided the inspiration for the first show said, "This Quilt-A-Fair showcases Sac County assets and hospitality. It really is a quilt festival for the whole county. Visitors can drive anywhere around the county and see our beautiful barn quilts. They can visit the fair grounds and see our beautiful creations. They can visit the Prairie Pedlar near Odebolt and see quilts and gardens. And they can view the quilt gardens in Sac City being planned and planted by Master Gardeners. If Mother Nature cooperates, the gardens should be beautiful and the quilts displayed at the Quilt-A-Fair will be amazing."

Organizers are planning to repeat many of the features that drew over 1000 visitors to the show in 2007, while adding several new features. Naturally, the main

attractions are the quilts: antique quilts, baby quilts, holiday quilts, quilts made by youth, bed quilts, wall quilts, quilted clothing and quilted home accessories. The committee had over 300 quilts entered for the show in 2007, and expect to display at least that many in 2009. The show will display the beautiful quilt owned by Senator Steve Kettering of Lake View. Kettering's quilt, made by the Patchwork Pals in Lake View, features each of the 55 barn quilt blocks in the county, along with the barn quilt logo. This quilt will be the only one displayed in both the 2007 and 2009 Quilt-A-Fair events. All other quilts on display will be quilts not previously entered in the Sac County show.

New events being planned for the 2009 Quilt-A-Fair include a display of vintage cars and tractors on Saturday and Sunday of the show. "We think the car show on Saturday and the tractor show on Sunday will add an extra area of interest for quilters and their families to enjoy", said Vera Thomas, who serves on the planning committee. The committee has also invited several featured speakers to do trunk shows and talks about their quilts.

Visitors at the Quilt-A-Fair will also have the opportunity to visit the shops of about 15 vendors, selling everything imaginable related to quilting. There will be periodic demonstrations of quilting techniques, a silent auction of hand-crafted items contributed by quilters, a patriotic raffle quilt which some lucky person will win, door prizes, bits and pieces of gently used quilting supplies for sale, and welcome gift bags for all. The Sac City Kiwanis Club has agreed to be the food vendor at the Quilt-A-Fair.

"We believe that the 2009 Sac County Quilt-A-Fair will be a first class event, with something fun for everyone," said Sue Peyton, publicity chair for the group. "We

attracted visitors from seven different states and over 35 counties at the last Quilt-A-Fair, and we hope to be even more successful with this show," she added.

Quilt entry information will be available in late summer.

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