

Free Family Fun Day At LeRoy House

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Saturday, August 17th - Free Family Fun Day at LeRoy House – Barn Quilts Included ...

It's free and it's for families and I promise it will be fun. Between 1 pm and 4 pm, on Saturday, August 17, LeRoy House will be set up with 19th century games, including the ever popular skittles, shut the box and the marble racers. (In case you haven't seen these toys that don't require batteries or electric back-up, you might just want to stop by, even if you don't have children or grandchildren in tow.)

In the garden we will have croquet, the knuckle knocker, quoits, and graces. And if I can find a couple more volunteers, we'll bring out the stilts. Each year, the fourth grade students visit LeRoy House and have a great time with these toys. There's hop-scotch on the front walk, and jump rope, and some challenging puzzles. The kids even enjoy looking at the stereopticon views of LeRoy - - a very popular pastime in the old days.

One of the newest games that we have is Crokinole. On last year's trip to Waterloo, Ontario, Canada, the Waterloo Heritage Museum had several Crokinole boards out, and I had never seen one before. The game originated in Perth, Ontario, in the 1870s, and is still a popular game.

It's a combination of table top Shuffleboard and Curling and maybe Bocce. The object is to flick the markers onto the board so that they land close to the center hole. If the marker goes into the hole, it's 20 points. There are pins that circle the center hole that make it difficult. However, if your opponent has a marker on the board, you have to aim for that marker to try to move it off the board. You cannot aim for the center hole, unless no other markers are on the board. After all the markers are played, the score is tallied. There can be two players or two teams of two. I found a Crokinole board at St. Jacob's Market in Canada, and brought it back to LeRoy House. Make sure you stop by to give this game a try.

There will be lemonade on the back porch, and weather



Crokinole board.

permitting, we'll be able to work on the latest LeRoy Barn Quilt. This new quilt will be red, white and blue and a duplicate of the pattern that was on the Bicentennial T-shirt last year. It's proven to be quite an intricate design to draw, but should look

great when it's complete.

Nancy Breslawski from Brockport, who makes miniature barn quilt pins, has agreed to join us for a demonstration. So she'll be painting quilt designs on one-inch squares, and we'll be painting on an 8 foot square! She'll have

some of her pins for sale.

At 4 pm, Suzi Parron, who is the author of "Barn Quilts, and the American Quilt Trail Movement," which was published last year, will present a very entertaining program on her odyssey of tracking down barn quilts and collecting the stories about the people and the barns. Suzi collaborated with Donna Sue Groves, the woman who started the whole barn quilt movement, and the two of them documented the story of this popular art phenomenon that has taken the country by storm.

Suzi called a couple of weeks ago, to say that she wanted to come to LeRoy to collect the stories of our barn quilts for her next book. She will be in LeRoy two days, and I hope to take her to see as many of the quilts as can fit into her schedule.

BARN QUILT

Author,
Suzi Parron
to Speak at LeRoy House
AUGUST 17
4:00 PM

Join Suzi Parron, author of "Barn Quilts and the American Quilt Trail Movement" for an entertaining look at the fastest growing grassroots public art movement. Suzi, who lives in Georgia, is back on the Barn Quilt Trail and will be in LeRoy for two days to record and document the LeRoy Barn Quilt Trails and the people who painted them.

Suzi will be signing her books for sale. From 1 to 4, weather permitting, the newest LeRoy Barn Quilt will be on the back porch, in the process of being painted. Join in and paint a square.

Nancy Breslawski, from Brockport, who has been painting miniature barn quilts that are made into pins will be doing demonstrations on the back porch. Her miniature barn quilts and her hand-painted floral button pins will be for sale.

The LeRoy Historical Society is located at
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