

Barn Quilt Rally - April 28th

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Looking for a little something different to do with your family or a couple of friends on a Sunday afternoon? Join us for the first annual LeRoy Barn Quilt Rally. Meet at the Jell-O Gallery parking lot at 1 pm. Pick up one of the new Genesee County maps - - with Marny Cleere's beautiful barn quilt on the cover - and a list of addresses where you will find our newest barn quilts. Then you're off for an afternoon of fun and adventure.

I can guarantee, you'll be on roads that you never knew existed.

It should be a beautiful spring day for a nice drive in the country. Along the way you can help paint a new barn quilt, gather some snacks for the folks in your car, pick up some clues for a puzzle and meet some new friends. And you'll see this amazing quilt made from pieces of aspen, cherry, black walnut and oak - a really unusual new barn quilt. Then return to the Jell-O Gallery for a hot dog and soda. We'll tally the points and give out some prizes. If you register early, we'll

give you ten extra points as a bonus. To register, it's \$20 per car, and that includes the refreshments.

Rain or shine - join us for the Barn Quilt Rally on Sunday, April 28. Call 768-7433 to register early and get your 10 bonus points!



“Mess-tivities” at the Rochester Museum and Science Center

Last Friday, I headed off to the Rochester Museum and Science Center to participate in the Mess-tivities program during spring break. Thursday night I made a very life-like brain Jell-O and a tall glass full of things that sink and float in Jell-O. I also made a lime Jell-O, Cottage Cheese Surprise with marshmallows and pimento. (It's a recipe that was made into a song and recorded on RCA. It's really nasty stuff!)

For the Jell-O taste test, I made three red Jell-Os - cherry, strawberry and raspberry and cut it up into 500 samples each. (The task was to decide which flavor was which. The challenge was to try each Jell-O on a toothpick! That trick is right up

there with trying to eat Jell-O with chop sticks - - - You talk about a MESS!!!) The hands on-activity was to use a glue stick to write your name and then sprinkle it with powdered lime Jell-O. It's a fun way to practice writing and when you put it on the refrigerator, you can still smell the Jell-O!

It's a good thing that I brought along some help, because we were inundated with folks who wanted to touch the Jell-O brain and figure out which things were floating and which things were sinking. No one was quite sure about the lime Jell-O Cottage Cheese Surprise, but folks did share some really awful Jell-O recipes. Kids were lined up three

deep waiting to write their names in Jell-O. My grandsons, Jacob (green Jell-O shirt) and Evan Williams (orange Jell-O shirt) helped everyone with the powdered Jell-O project.

We were all ready to come home at the end of the day but Jacob and Evan stayed a little longer to watch things thrown off the top of the Planetarium - which made the Mess-tivities really messy. I headed home to clean up the mess left after making all the Jell-O - - that meant a really sticky floor and a refrigerator with hardened Jell-O. But it was great fun and we met a lot of

people who said - “I've heard about the Jell-O Museum. Guess we'll have to come out to LeRoy and visit.”



Excuse the Incursion

Everyone in town has a couple of Lapp insulators around. Maybe it's been made into a bird bath. Maybe it's a baffle on the bird feeder, but I am looking for early insulators that have an “incused” Lapp logo.

I never heard the word incused before, but while doing research for the upcoming exhibit about Lapp Insulator Company, I mentioned to Elton Gish in Texas - - he's the authority on porcelain insulators - - that I was looking for a couple of the early insulators with the incised logo. “Oh no - -

they're not incised. That means that the design was cut into the clay. The right word is incused.

The design has been stamped into the clay and there is a depression.” So I added a new vocabulary word - incused. Lapp marked their insulators with an incused logo until 1927 when they changed to a printed “Lapp” and year under the glaze. So look at your insulators and if they are incused, I would be interested in borrowing them for the exhibit.

You might also want to look at the incused impression to see if

there is a slash in the outside oval. The slash will tell you what year the insulator was made. If there is a mark on the L I in the center, that will tell you what quarter of the year the insulator was made.

I also am excited to tell you that I have bought two “multipart” insulators on Ebay. (You can tell I've learned too much about insulators!) The multipart insulators are actually made from two pieces that had to be glazed or cemented together. They look like large brown glazed mushrooms. Both of them are incused.

