

Nappanee Quilt Gardens Tour

August 28-29

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Casual Dress

Saturday, August 28

7:00 AM

Depart for Elkhart

11:00 AM

Elkhart Visitors Center
“Quilt Gardens Tour” video and Quilt display by
Diana Bennett/Lina Zerkle (included)

11:45 AM

Step-On Guided Tour of the Quilt Gardens (included)
90,000 glorious blooms, 17 gigantic gardens, 17 super-sized murals at 11 locations, 33 designs total, and 7 welcoming communities. Each quilt garden has its own splendid pattern, many are original designs, and each has its own unique story.

12:15 PM

Lunch at Trolley Café inside the Old Bag Factory
(included)
Enjoy a delectable homemade catered lunch featuring the café's signature flaky-crust Quiche and moist orange muffins-- all fresh-from-the-oven

1:15 PM

Continue Quilt Gardens Tour

5:00 PM

Depart from Elkhart Visitors Center to Nappanee

5:30 PM

Check into Hotel in Nappanee

6:00 PM

Threshers Dinner at the Old Barn Restaurant
(included)
Sit down under the hand-hewn timbers of the Restaurant Barn and enjoy Amish Acres nationally famous Threshers Dinner, a family style feast of Amish country favorites. In tribute to the generations of Amish threshers who band together each harvest season to cut and thresh, thus separating the grain from the chaff, each other's crops in friendship, mutual aid and neighborliness.

This feast is reminiscent of the hearty fare cooked up by the women in the wood fired stoves, bake ovens, and smoke houses of the host farm in time for the noontime break in the threshing day. Often served out of doors under the shade of orchard trees, the Threshers dinner was and remains amount the best of all worlds.

8:00 PM

42nd Street (Broadway Musical) (included)
“If Peggy Sawyer can make it to Broadway, well...not everyone can.” Music by Harry Warren, Book by Michael Stewart and Mark Bramble, lyrics by Al Dublin.

42nd Street tells the story of a humble, naïve, young actress named Peggy Sawyer who has come to audition for a new Broadway musical. Unfortunately, due to her nervousness, Peggy arrives to the audition late and misses her chance to join the chorus. Luckily, Peggy soon catches the eye of the famous director, Julian Marsh, and he gives Peggy her big break. However, the show's aging leading lady, Dorothy Brock, quickly grows to dislike Peggy. During final rehearsals, Ms. Brock falls and breaks her ankle. Panic spreads through the company, as the show is doomed for closure, until it is suggested that Peggy take the roll. In only thirty-six hours, Peggy learns twenty-five pages of dialogue, six songs and ten dances. *42nd Street* includes the Broadway standards “We’re in the Money”, “Shuffle Off to Buffalo”, “Lullaby of Broadway” and “About a Quarter to Nine”.

Sunday, August 29

Breakfast at Hotel (included)

9:00 AM

Genesis and Exodus of the Amish Documentaries (included)

Learn the background of the founding and development of Amish Society through the two documentary films shown in the Locke Township Meeting House. Genesis and Exodus of the Amish follow the unlikely development of this unique sect from the beginning of the Reformation to religious freedom in America and successful integration into the modern world without being part of it.

10:00 AM

Historic Farmstead House and Farm Tour (included)

Escape to Amish Acres in Nappanee, Indiana and share the heritage of these intriguing people in quiet celebration of America's tolerance for diversity. Time stopped over a century ago and preserves, in the Amish a way of life, nearly forgotten patterns of living in today's fast paced world. The legacy of the three generations of the family who lived here is seen and felt through a nostalgic visit to the farm and homestead.

Discover the tools and trappings of yesteryear and relax as you view the documentary films, walk the oaken floorboards of the 125 year old Amish homestead, and take a leisurely farm wagon ride around the 80 acre farm. You'll learn the whys and ways of the Amish as your guide winds you through the twelve room white frame house, the Grossdaadi Haus, the Schwietzer bank barn and inviting outbuildings. You'll experience the sights and sounds of a working farm, alive with barnyard hens, livestock, gardens and apple orchard.

The centerpoint of Amish Acres restoration is the Stahly-Nissley-Kuhns farmstead, the only Amish farm listed in The National Register of Historic Places. Widow Barbara Stahly and her five sons migrated from Germany to the southwest corner of Elkhart County, in 1839, making them, according to historian James Landing, likely the first Amish settlers in Indiana.

By 1873 son Christian had acquired eighty acres of land to build a house and barn for his son Moses. From that beginning rose the main house in 1893. Noah Nissley, his wife's father, purchased the

farm from Moses and at his retirement, in turn sold it to his son-in-law Manasses Kuhns. From the Kuhns estate the farm was purchased for the purpose of preserving the buildings and traditions of the three generations of Amish families who lived on the farm and tilled the soil.

Following a year of meticulous restoration Amish Acres opened to the public in 1970. Since then visitors have experienced life as it was and in most families continues to be lived by the Amish surrounding Nappanee.

12:30 PM

Lunch at Old Barn Restaurant (included)

Now seasonal lunch menus are available for lighter fare in the Vittles Room of the Old Barn Restaurant. Fresh from the farm's kitchen garden in season, tomatoes, rooted vegetables, and herbs grace the table along with unusual seasonal recipes cooked up by the Miller Sisters, Ruth and Frieda.

Looking our over the orchard toward the historic farmstead and farm's pond with the German one room schoolhouse and mint still with its brick and iron chimney, take diners back to a time when agriculture was a family affair, farmers were self sufficient, and the animals and fowl lived together next to the main house.

1:30 PM

Depart for Bloomington

5:30 PM

Arrive Home

\$175 per person for double occupancy. Price includes: 2 day trip, 1 nights lodging, 1 Step-On Guide, 2 tours, 1 breakfast, 2 lunches, 1 dinner, 1 Broadway musical theatre show, 2 documentary viewings, transportation, and an escort. Guests add \$20.