

# BARN TOUR

WHITESIDE COUNTY  
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**JULY 9-10, 2011**

Saturday, July 9, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Sunday, July 10, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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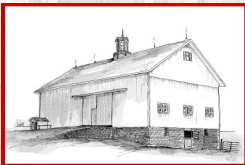
## TOUR INFORMATION

- Tour begins at De Immigrant Windmill and Cultural Center in Fulton; 10th Avenue & 1st Street.
- Admission is \$20 per vehicle. Price includes tour book and map. Admission booth located at De Immigrant Windmill in Fulton.

## FOR INFORMATION

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The Whiteside County Barn Tour will be held Saturday, July 9, and Sunday, July 10, 2011.



The tour will take place in western Whiteside County— starting along the banks of the Mississippi River in Fulton at De Immigrant Windmill & Cultural Center. More information on the Windmill and Cultural Center can be found on page 2.



Here is just a sample what you will see on this year's tour:

- The "Hooch" Barn hid a still during Prohibition.
- Barns, including a free stall barn, currently used in a dairy operation.
- New horse barn that houses Percheron draft and cross-bred driving horses.
- Barn used to raise birds for a hunting preserve.
- Barn constructed with hand-hewn beams, sawn beams, and tree trunks.
- Barn with a pole floor hay mow.
- Antique farm machinery and classic cars.



The Whiteside County Cattleman's Association will have lunch available at a barn site. Restrooms will also be available on the barn tour route.

*(Barn drawings are of barns from previous Whiteside County Barn Tours)*

*Throughout the Midwest, historians are lamenting the disappearance of barns. The sentimental response to the plight of dying barns goes beyond the rustic appeal of the architecture. A barn is the most easily identifiable feature of early American farms. As such it is symbolic of a way of life rapidly disappearing from the American landscape.*



## De Immigrant Windmill & Cultural Center

Fulton's Dutch Windmill was manufactured and pre-assembled in the Netherlands.

Following the delivery to Fulton, the Windmill was assembled and installed by Dutch craftsmen. Standing nearly 100 ft. tall, the massive timbers are assembled by wooden pegs.

The windmill is fully operational. The entire head (or cap) can turn and the sails move by wind power. The mill is also fully functional with a set of blue basalt millstones that can produce a variety of flours. Stone-ground buckwheat, corn, rye, and wheat flours are all manufactured at "De Immigrant" and are for sale in the gift shop. The stones take up three floors with various machineries, and millers can grind approximately 1 bushel of grain every 10 minutes, wind permitting.



Access to the windmill is at the front entrance on 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 1<sup>st</sup> Street. Stairways lead up into the windmill. Access can also be reached by walkways on the top of the dike. The windmill is partially handicap accessible.

Fulton's newest attraction, the Windmill Cultural Center (WCC), was dedicated in April 2010. The WCC houses an extensive collection of 21 European windmills. The windmills vary in size with the largest being six feet tall.

The collection was designed by Henk and June Hielema of DeMotte, Indiana. Mr. Hielema was employed in Europe and as a hobby; he and June traveled extensively, photographed mills, and returned home to build models of them. The mills are from ten European countries: Belgium, Denmark, England, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Portugal, and The Netherlands. Informative interpretive materials compliment the windmill collection providing unique information on the products produced by windmills, country of origin, windmill specifications, and the cultural impact of windmills.

## Ronald Reagan's Fulton Connection

Ronald Reagan's family roots are in Fulton, Illinois. Several family members, including his parents whom were both born in Fulton, are part of Fulton's history. Listed below are places in Fulton with a Reagan connection:

- SW Corner of 10th Avenue & 4th Street
- Millinery Shop: 1003 4th Street
- Cigar Shop: 1005 4th Street
- Immaculate Conception Church: 703 12th Avenue
- Reagan House: 907 12th Avenue
- Dr. G.W. Clendenen's House: 710 11th Avenue
- Fulton Catholic Cemetery/Reagan Family Plot: North 4th Street



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