

Project Information

Barn Quilts are colorful 8 foot square* plywood quilt blocks mounted on barns or other buildings. The idea originated in Ohio by Sue Ann Groves who wanted to honor her mother, an avid quilter. A “Clothesline of Quilts” has since spread through counties in Iowa, Kentucky, Missouri, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Tennessee and other states.

This project is being encouraged by the Lafayette County Association of Home and Community Education (HCE) and the Lafayette County 4-H Leaders' Association. It fulfills a yearning to work together on an inter-generational, county-wide project.

*If an 8 foot square is too large for your needs, 4 foot or even 2 foot squares for your home or garage would be a beautiful way to commemorate the history and heritage of Lafayette County.

Thank You! Please thank and patronize the following businesses/people for supporting our project:

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For more information on the project, contact the UW-Extension office at (608) 776-4820 or barnquiltswisconsin@yahoo.com



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Barn Quilts of Lafayette County



- Fostering community pride
- Bringing youth and elders together to learn and share
- Engaging community members and their talents
- Celebrating history and heritage
- Preserving agricultural character
- Encouraging artistic expression
- Emphasizing the best of our area

The **Barn Quilt Project** in Lafayette County is a new project designed to celebrate the agricultural heritage of Lafayette County by highlighting local buildings with beautiful quilt blocks. These Barn Quilts will call attention to the unique architecture and history of barns and other buildings; promote quilting as an emblem of area art, culture and history; and increase the value of our rural heritage.

We would like to honor the unique agricultural experience of Lafayette County by calling attention to our barns, which are vital to the economic well being of our rural communities, and the comfort and artistic beauty of handmade quilts. The Barn Quilt of Lafayette County Project provides a unique opportunity for groups and individuals to work together to cover Lafayette County in a blanket of barn quilts.



Quilts are a symbol of the heritage of our rural county. They provided not only warmth and comfort, but a social opportunity and artistic outlet for generations. Quilt block patterns depict places, events and vocations. They bring richness to everyday life.

2008 Lafayette County Barn Quilts

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 County Fair, Lafayette County Fairgrounds on State Hwy 81 on the east side of Darlington
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 Jack's Blocks, Anton's Saloon, 26320 County W in New Diggings
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 Blackford's Beauty, at Leon and Soni Wolfe's, 10127 Ste Hwy 81 (6 miles east of Darlington)
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 Bat's in the Belfry at John and Jane Torma's, 6232 Round Road, Wiota (near the Cottonwood Farm)
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 Double Aster at John and Phyllis Sonsalla's, 964 Lucy Street, Darlington
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 American Pride at Mark and Mary Jo Stutenberg's, 29328 Crabtree Rd (1.5 miles east of Cuba City)
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 Four Flags at Jason and April Lancaster's, 10418 State Ro Hwy 81 (5 miles east of Darlington)
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 Coming Soon: *Kaleidoscope* at the University of Wisconsin—Platteville Pioneer Farm, 29200 College Farm Road (southeast of Platteville)
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 Coming Soon: *Friendship* at Roger & Monique Volkenings, 13431 Dobbs Rd (east of Darlington)
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 Coming Soon: *Wisconsin Star* at Shullsburg Creamery, 208 W. Water Street, Shullsburg

Interested in participating?
 Contact barnquiltswisconsin@yahoo.com

