



Barn Quilts of Lafayette County (in SW Wisconsin)

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Coming Soon to a Barn Near You!

It is hard to believe that another winter has come and gone on the calendar. And so we begin our third year with 40 barn quilts in our project and more to come this year.

It is always heartwarming to hear the stories behind the requested designs. One local gentleman, Jerry Bennett, asked me about a barn quilt gift certificate for his wife, Jackie, for Christmas. I was told she wanted a 4x4 for the family barn with one specific request – she wanted a blue cancer ribbon in the center as a tribute to several courageous family members. Well, the barn quilt is now done and awaiting mounting. I will try to include a picture in the next newsletter.

If you are considering a gift for someone special for a birthday, anniversary, mother's day, please ask us about our gift certificates. What a great way to give a meaningful gift that many can enjoy for years to come!

As we plan the events of this year, we are considering having an event of self-guided tours of our project while promoting local talents and businesses. If you have any

ideas and/or wish to participate in planning this event, please feel free to share.

We have barn owners who would like to mount a barn quilt so we are looking for people or businesses who would be willing to help us hang the wooden quilt blocks.

If you know of an individual or group looking for a project for their 4H, FFA, church or scout group, we have some project ideas: painting and mounting a couple of barn quilts, determining the GPS locations of barn quilts in our projects, and helping with our event this year.

Feel free to contact a committee member about any of these items (committee members listed at the end of the newsletter).

Enjoy the spring weather and drive around our county enjoying the barn quilts as they spring out with color and beauty!

Mary Jo



Above: Goose Tracks at Larry & Gay Hinderman's on Cty J Cuba City

New members of our project



Left: Log Cabin at Jack & Patty Larsons, Argyle.

Above: Irish Plaid at Steve & JoAnne McQuaids, Darlington



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News Scraps

✳ Maps of our project are now available at the UW Extension website under Barn Quilts <http://lafayette.uwex.edu/index.html> .

✳ We will be working to update our website this year, but in the meantime, check out our *Barn Quilts of Lafayette County* page on **Facebook**. I am working on developing the photo albums with pictures of our barn quilts - and it will be easy to update the site with news on upcoming events.

✳ **Gift certificates** for barn quilts for birthdays, anniversaries, or Mother's Day are available from any committee member. If an 8x8 ft is too large, consider a 6x6, 4x4 or 2x2. The 2x2s are a great size for a floral garden, front entry or garage.

✳ **Applications** are available through Phyllis Sonsalla (608.776.3568), at the UW Extension Office, at the Pins and Pieces Quilt Shop on Main Street in Darlington, or on our website at <http://lafayette.uwex.edu/BarnQuiltsOfLafayetteCounty.html>.

✳ If you have ever wondered how barn quilts got their start, here is a short **video** that introduces you to Donna Sue Groves. What an inspiring woman!
<http://thehardestyear.com/2009/07/a-patchwork-of-hope-donna-sue-groves-the-woman-behind-barn-quilts-faces-the-challenge-of-her-life/#more-783>

✳ Looking for a **design** for your barn quilt? There must be a couple hundred here to give you ideas for your own design. It also will show you that your barn doesn't not have to be in pristine condition to show off a barn quilt.
www.ohiobarns.com/otherbarns/quilt/quiltbarns.html

✳ Check out <http://www.americanquiltbarns.com> , an interesting **blog** about adventures hunting for barn quilts around the US and the stories behind them.

✳ We are always looking for new committee members – feel free to join us at an upcoming meeting scheduled for the first Tuesday of each month. A special *thank you* to Candi Fitzsimons who was a valuable member of our committee these last two years. **Current Committee Members:** Heidi Brenum, Glenda Egan, Phyllis Sonsalla, Pam Teasdale, Connie Ubersox, Soni Wolfe, and Mary Jo Stutenberg (608.744.3451) or barnquiltswisconsin@yahoo.com.

**Join us at our next meeting is Tuesday, April 6th at 5:30 at
Pins and Pieces at 208 Main Street in Darlington**