

## Barn Quilts of Lafayette County (in SW Wisconsin)

c/o UW Extension Office 627 Washington Street Darlington, W9 53530

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### Coming Soon to a Barn Near You!

Happy Holidays from the members of Barn Quilts of Lafayette County! We wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a safe, warm and restful holiday season.

Are you looking for a last minute stocking stuffer or \$5 exchange gift for Christmas? We have sets of 4 note cards with pictures of our barn quilts on the front for sale for \$5.00 plus shipping. The packages have assorted 4x6" pictures on note card stock with envelopes. The inside of the note card is blank so that it can be used for any type of event and any time of the year. Money from the sale of the note cards will be used for the purchase of brochures to promote our project.

Barn quilt pictures included in the packages MAY include any of the following: Autumn Tints, Bats in the Belfry, Bear Paw, Carpenter's Square, Farmer's Daughter at Twilight, Good Tracks, Farmer's Daughter, Hip Hop, Jane's Moon in Star, Log Cabin, Norwegian Flag, Rising Sun, Stars in Flight, Swiss Family Ubersox, Windmill Star and Wisconsin Star. The note cards can be purchased at the Pins and Pieces Quilt Shop in Darlington, Hidden Quilts in Platteville, the Lafayette County General Store in Belmont, by calling 608.744.3451 or by emailing barnquiltswisconsin@yahoo.com. Just \$5 for a set of 4 note cards - what a deal!

**Other gift ideas**: We still have barn quilt jewelry for sale – it can be seen at Pins and Pieces Quilt Shop. Or if you want to give a gift certificate for a barn quilt, contact Mary Jo at the above phone number.

#### Barn Quilt Jewelry







Two more in our project: Buschor's Redbird Newspaper outside of Darlington and Peterson's Starbound Pinwheel near South Wayne.



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### News Scraps

Maps of our project are available at http://www.barnquiltsoflafayettecounty.com/ We now have almost 85 barn quilts mounted in 75 locations. Success!

We will be working to update our website this year, but you can also check out our *Barn Quilts of Lafayette County* page on **Facebook**. Any suggestions of what you would like to see or know about our barn quilts or project – let us know.

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://www.barnquiltsoflafayettecounty.com/.

Special **thank yous** should be given to two hard working supporters of our project - John Sonsalla and Leon Wolfe. Thank you for all you have done to help us....we do appreciate it! A thank you also to Heidi Brenum of *Pins and Pieces Quilt Shop* for giving us a home for our meetings and including us when advertising her business.

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! <a href="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">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</a>

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 <a href="http://www.americanquiltbarns.com">http://www.americanquiltbarns.com</a>, 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. **Current Committee Members**: Heidi Brenum, Glenda Egan, Phyllis Sonsalla, Pam Teasdale, Connie Ubersox, Soni Wolfe, and Mary Jo Stutenberg (608.744.3451) or <a href="mailto:barnquiltswisconsin@yahoo.com">barnquiltswisconsin@yahoo.com</a>...

Other barn quilt related gift ideas:

Metal barn quilts 1ft x 1ft - great for hanging from you mailbox <a href="http://classicmetalcompany.com/">http://classicmetalcompany.com/</a> OR <a href="http://classicmetalcompany.com/">www.randesignscustomjewelry.com/</a>

OR <u>Barn Quilts and the American Quilt Trail Movement</u> by <u>Suzi Parron</u> and Donna Sue Groves (book)