



Barn Quilts of Lafayette County (in SW Wisconsin)

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Coming Soon to a Barn Near You!

Ok. So I am dating myself as I remember this line from the *A-Team* show years ago but “I love it when a plan comes together!”. Our plan is coming together – and we have a lot to show for our efforts this last month. In case you didn’t know it, we were awarded a \$500 grant from the Shullsburg Fund. Hooray! Heidi, Soni and their production team have the *County Fair* barn quilt almost completely painted. Our demo barn quilt, *the Dutch Rose*, has been used at the Dairy Breakfast and the Fair to attract people to our booth to paint. And UW-Platteville has agreed to hang the *Kaleidoscope* barn quilt at the Pioneer Farm. Who knows? Maybe by the end of July, we will have our first two quilts mounted and on display! Three other quilts have been requested by April Lancaster Family, Mindy Tuescher-Crist Family, and Anton’s in New Diggings. If weather (and winds) cooperate, we might even get our own barn sided and our quilt hung.

As part of our fund raising campaign, we have been selling Barn Quilt Jewelry. Randi of randesignscustomjewelry.com in Kentucky makes beautiful charms of quilt blocks and has generously contributed to our project. We embellish her charms with beads or chains and make them into necklaces, bracelets, earrings, bookmarks or wine glass/coffee mug charms. All profits are returned to the BQLC project. Special orders are always welcome. The great part of this fund raiser is that two of Lafayette County’s barn quilts, *County Fair* and *American Pride*, are now charms and available for purchase. If interested, call Mary Jo at 608.744-3451. The *County Fair* charm is a great replica with colors representing 4H, FFA and HCE. So please spread the word!



Community members helped paint our *County Fair* block at the Lafayette County Fair. (*Dutch Rose* block in background.)





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News Scraps

- ✿ Mark your calendars for Sunday, July 20th. We will be having a painting party to work on a couple of our barn quilts. All are welcome to help out! Please wear old clothing. Time and location will be mailed out closer to the event.
- ✿ A special thanks to the Blackhawk High School (South Wayne) Tech Ed students for helping cut framework for our barn quilts!
- ✿ Thanks to all who participated painting our *County Fair* block at the Lafayette County Fair and the Dairy Breakfast.
- ✿ Please save any news clippings that you see for our project (note the date and source) for Heidi or Mary Jo as we would like to maintain the history of our project.
- ✿ Is anyone interested in ordering a teeshirt for our project? We plan to discuss this at an upcoming meeting but want to know of interest. Email Heidi at hbrenum@hotmail.com or Mary Jo at stutenbm@yahoo.com.
- ✿ New barn quilt projects are started in Fayette, MO, Caledonia, MN and Garrett County, MD. And so grows the "National Clothesline of Barn Quilts"!

Websites to check out:

<http://www.farmersalmanac.com/video/featured-stories/barn-quilts> Great 5 minute video from Farmer's Almanac about the Grundy County, IA barn quilt project.

<http://barnquilting.ning.com/> A brand new forum for people interested in barn quilts. Help it grow!

Barn Quilt Jewelry featuring Lafayette County's Own!



We are so excited to be able to offer two of our own barn quilts as jewelry – to enjoy and to help bring awareness of our project!

The charms (pendants) can be added to chains or beaded as shown. Charms come in either ½” or 1” squares. Bracelets, earrings, bookmarks, or wine glass/coffee mug charms are also available. Special orders welcomed!

The colors of our County Fair charm (green, blue, yellow and white) represent 4H, FFA, and HCE.



Reasonably priced – and all profits go back to our BQLC project. Great gift idea! Contact Mary Jo at stutenbm@yahoo.com or 608.744.3451.