



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

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## Coming Soon to a Barn Near You!

**Progress!** Our production team celebrated *Cinco de Mayo Day* working on what has become a passion for many of us. The team and approximately 35 community members braved the cold weather and assisted in painting a patriotic barn quilt which will be used to advertise our Lafayette County project. Please join us at the upcoming Dairy Breakfast on June 14<sup>th</sup> at the Lafayette County Fairgrounds as we paint two Barn Quilts: **Kaleidoscope** for the UW-Platteville Pioneer Farm and the **Dutch Rose** promo quilt. We will continue our project at the Lafayette County Fair the end of June when we work on the **County Fair** for the Lafayette County Fairgrounds and on the UW-Platteville quilt. Please feel free to join us and paint a section or two!

At our last committee meeting, we had the privilege of viewing entries from over 200 county students. They had been given the **County Fair** pattern and were asked to incorporate the colors blue and yellow representing Future Farmers of America (FFA) and green and white representing 4H. We had so many beautiful entries that it was very difficult to choose just one. A big *Thanks* to all participants! The winner will be announced at the Dairy Breakfast. (Examples of the students' submissions will be on display at the Dairy Breakfast and at the Fair.)

Our website is progressing well – thanks to volunteer, Valerie Cowling. We hope to have it active by the end of June. We have also started a fund raising project selling barn quilt jewelry. An enthusiast/entrepreneur in Kentucky makes barn quilt jewelry charms from clay – we are incorporating these charms into necklaces, charm bracelets, earrings, and bookmarks. These items will be for sale during our June events. Special orders of the jewelry are welcomed.

If you are interested in having a barn quilt or in helping with the project physically or financially, please contact the UW Extension Office at 608.776.4820. And if you would like to be on the mailing list for future newsletters, email [stutenbm@yahoo.com](mailto:stutenbm@yahoo.com).



Darlington Mayor, Dave Breunig, participated in our Barn Quilts project.



Miles and Anna Carper painting sections of the **Dutch Rose** promo quilt at Cinco de Mayo Days.

## Thank you!

Our list of thank you's continues to grow! Please patronize and thank the following businesses/people for supporting our project:

- Alliant Energy Foundation
- Lafayette County Economic Development Committee
- Thrivent Financial
- Craig's Hardware, Darlington
- First National Bank, Darlington
- Wiota Happy Hour 4H Club
- Blackhawk FFA Alumni
- Randesigns Jewelry
- Jeff Berget
- Nodolf Lumber
- B & T Embroidery, Darlington

### *Barn Quilt websites you may want to visit:*

<http://www.countrybarnquilttrail.com/index.html> A barn quilt project in Western New York

<http://www.greencountybarnquilts.com/> Green County, WI's new website