



Barn Quilts of Lafayette County (Wisconsin)

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Coming Soon to a Barn Near You!

So much to do and so little time.....that seems to be the common feeling once spring rolls around. And especially this year as we fire up our great new project: *Barn Quilts of Lafayette County*. Considering that the project began in January, we have accomplished a lot already! Our organizational board is established, a mission statement has been agreed upon, committees are meeting and establishing procedures, a website is being developed, and letters requesting donations have been sent to local businesses. We have even had three newspaper articles about our project. Phew! All of that sounds great but the real reward is just around the corner as we will soon be seeing proof of our hard work. The production crew is working on the first barn quilt to be mounted on one of the county fairground buildings later this summer.

We will have a booth and barn quilt production and painting in progress at these upcoming events: Cinco de Mayo Days in Darlington on May 3, Dairy Breakfast on June 14, and at the Lafayette County Fair June 25-29.

Please join us as we work together with friends and neighbors building, assembling, priming, painting and mounting the barn quilts. Volunteers are always welcome! Our goal is to have six barn quilts completed and mounted in Lafayette County by year's end. With the enthusiasm our members have, there is no doubt that we will accomplish it! If interested in helping, please call Mary Jo Stutenberg at 608.744.3451. And if you would like to be on the mailing list for future newsletters, email stutenbm@yahoo.com.

Community Fellowship

One of the objectives of our project is to engage community members. I already see success as we have 20+ community members throughout Lafayette County who are dedicated to this project. People I would not have had the privilege to know or work with had it not been for barn quilts. People involved in the Extension, 4H, HCE, and the River Valley Trading Company. People in Green Cty, WI, Sac and Grundy Counties in Iowa and a jewelry maker – all barn quilt enthusiasts. Just like quilts, their friendship provides warmth and comfort.

Thank you!

A special **Thank You** to the following organizations for approving our grant applications!

Alliant Energy	\$500
Lafayette Cty Economic Dev. Committee	\$500
Thrivent Financial	\$250

These funds will help us achieve our goal of six Barn Quilts throughout Lafayette County by year's end.

Barn Quilt websites you may want to visit:

<http://www.garrettbarnquilts.org/> A new barn quilt project in Maryland. Interesting website to check out
<http://www.ohiobarns.com/otherbarns/quilt/quiltbarns.html> Great site for pictures of BQs in KY, TN, OH, IN, IL
<http://www.randesignscustomjewelry.com> BQ jewelry made of FIMO clay. Reasonable prices and great service!