



# Barn Quilts of Lafayette County (in SW Wisconsin)

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## Coming Soon to a Barn Near You!

At our August meeting, the committee members took the opportunity to drive through the northeastern corner of our county to view our beautiful barn quilts. We all were invigorated and proud that night about the success of the project. It was exciting to drive over a hill or turn a corner and see one shining out at us. Thanks to all of you who have worked so hard to grow this project to almost 70 barn quilts in 60 locations— you have done a great job!

Since the last newsletter (April 2010), a lot has been accomplished. **Detailed touring maps are available.** We must be on our fourth printing now! (Thanks to Phyllis and Lisa for keeping this updated.) Maps are available around the county at the Extension Office, quilt stores, some banks, libraries, and at the Platteville Welcome Center. We apologize that we seem to run out of them quickly but we print them as we can afford them. (Hint..hint....donations always appreciated!)

We now have **our own website!** A picture, map and GPS location of each block is on the site. Our goal is to add histories to the individual blocks. A special thanks to Aaron and Phyllis for working many hours to bring this about. So check out <http://barnquiltsowlafayettecounty.com/>

We were **awarded grants** from the Community Foundation of Argyle and of Shullsburg for mounting and advertising expenses. Thanks to both foundations for choosing our project!

And now we have Barn Quilts of Lafayette County **calendars available for sale!** Calendars are \$10 and can be found at various county locations including Darlington banks and Pins & Pieces Quilt Shop or by mail (add \$3.00 for postage)...just contact [barnquiltsowlafayettecounty@yahoo.com](mailto:barnquiltsowlafayettecounty@yahoo.com).

The calendar features large pictures of the following members barn quilts: Peterson, Historic Argyle, Hiemann, Larson, Leonard, Larse, Hinderman, Shullsburg Creamery, Torma, Nennig, Berg, and Rear. Smaller pictures on the front cover include the Wiota School, King, Mullen, Rielly, Crompton, Vossberg, Roelli, Ubersox, Leitzinger, Huntington and Berg.

Looking for a gift idea for someone special for Christmas, birthday, anniversary or 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!



Larse's Americana Start barn quilt in Gratiot

If you have any ideas and/or wish to participate in planning a Fall 2011 event, please feel free to share with any board member listed at the end of the newsletter.

On behalf of the BQLC committee, we wish you all a safe and happy holiday season!

Mary Jo



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## News Scraps

 **Gift certificates** for barn quilts for birthdays, anniversaries, or Christmas 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.

 A special thanks also to two great husbands who have helped us so much these last couple of years by painting, delivering, mounting, and supporting us – thanks, John Sonsalla and Leon Wolfe!

 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.

 **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.

 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](http://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 second Tuesday of each month beginning March 8, 2011 at Pins & Pieces Quilt Shop in Darlington. **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.