



Barn Quilts of Lafayette County (in SW Wisconsin)

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Coming Soon to a Barn Near You!

Who would have imagined just 14 months ago when we mounted our first barn quilt, that we would have 40+ barn quilts in our project by now! Certainly not me. My husband and I drove to NW Illinois last weekend and were fascinated to see barn quilts pop up all over as we drove along. What a beautiful success in not just our county, but also neighboring Green County, and at least four others counties in Wisconsin. A big thank you to all who have helped grow our Lafayette County project – you should be proud.

Our new brochures with tour maps should be available soon and just in time for that drive to see the fall colors. A big **Thank You** to Joy McQuaid of the UWEX office and to Phyllis Sonsalla for the hours they put in designing the brochure. If you know of a good place to display the brochures, please let Phyllis Sonsalla or me know.

I have mentioned before that the unplanned bonus of this project has been the opportunity to meet so many people in our community. My husband and I are transplants from Iowa and without this project, I never would have felt this tie to our area so fast.

I will admit that I am not much into Facebook but a friend brought to my attention a new Facebook style website just for lovers of barn quilts. <http://www.americanquiltbarns.com> The purpose is to build a community “and share the joy of discovering the essence of rural American through the American Quilt Barn Trails”. What a great avenue to make new friends who have a mutual love of barn quilts and to learn more about other projects. Check it out and help it grow!

News Scraps



Applications are available through Phyllis Sonsalla (608.776.3568), at the UW Extension Office, or on our website at <http://lafayette.uwex.edu/BarnQuiltsOfLafayetteCounty.html>.



Next meeting – note time change!: Tuesday, October 13th at 6:30 PM, at Heidi Brenum’s Pins and Pieces Quilt Shop in Darlington.



ide and County Fair

Need gift ideas for Christmas?
Barn Quilt Jewelry (necklaces, earrings, bracelets) - reasonably priced - all profits go back to our project.

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