

# *Ottawa County Barn Quilt Trail*

## How to Get Involved

The Ottawa County 4-H Program and Greater Port Clinton Area Arts Council have teamed up to create the Ottawa County Barn Quilt Trail. The Ottawa County Barn Quilt Trail will serve as an invitation for visitors to take a driving tour around the county to view the quilt blocks mounted on barns and buildings and enjoy the unique character of Ottawa County.

Barn quilts are painted quilt squares, fashioned on boards and mounted on a barn or other building. Unlike cloth quilts that are made up of a series of squares, a barn quilt is almost always a single square. The concept of barn quilts began in Adams County, Ohio in 2001. Today, barn quilt trails can be found in over 200 communities in 47 states.

**Our goal:** To paint and hang twenty, 8' x 8' quilt squares throughout Ottawa County. We will create an informational brochure and Facebook page that will include a map of the quilt trail, identification of each quilt pattern, the sponsor, and the name of the club or organization that painted the square. Our first quilt square was hung on the Damschroder building on the Ottawa County Fairgrounds on June 24, 2017.

### **3 ways you can get involved with the project:**

1. **Allow a quilt square (8' x 8') to be hung on your barn.** Older, well maintained barns in a variety of locations across the county are being sought for quilt block locations. Expect visitors stopping in to see your block and possibly taking a photo or two.
2. **Sponsor a quilt square.** Sponsorship of a quilt square is \$250. Individuals, clubs, organizations, and businesses are invited to be a sponsor.
3. **Provide manpower to paint or build a square.** We encourage 4-H clubs, scout groups, or other organizations to volunteer to paint a square. Expert guidance and instruction will be provided along with the paint and brushes!

If you have questions, please contact: OSU Extension Office at 419-898-3631

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