

Barn Quilts of Garrett County



Pieces of
Our Past



Join in the Fun!



On October 13, 2001, Donna Sue Groves dedicated the first Barn Quilt to her mother, in Adams County Ohio. It was meant to be a meaningful tribute to Nina Maxine Groves' heritage and the five generations of her family that have shared a love of quilting. "The barn quilts are public art that celebrates the place people call home. They make people feel good about themselves and where they live." *Donna Sue Groves*

On April 12, 2008, the Barn Quilt Association of Garrett County became a reality. There are 22 other states with Barn Quilt projects and the number is growing rapidly. *The reason for the rapid acceptance of the concept is the same wholesome philosophy Groves envisioned at one time to be just a single tribute. The squares not only honor the wife of every farmer where they appear, they also recognize the rural heritage that has been a part of the fabric of America since Colonial times.*

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The first barn quilt was raised on Nov 25, 2008 on the Gary & Kate Fratz Farm in Accident, MD. The excitement inspired a red stain facelift!

Several other barn quilts have been added, and the numbers grow monthly. Visit our web site for the latest news.

An area map is in development for a self-guided tour giving everyone the opportunity to view any or all of the buildings and blocks. It will also highlight local businesses of interest along the way, such as Bed & Breakfasts, restaurants, shops, and interesting historical sites.

This project speaks to issues vital to the economy of Garrett County:

- Add value for tourism
- Preserve agricultural history
- Preserve cultural history
- Increase traffic to local businesses
- Involve every type of group in the county into one activity

As stewards for the original quilt barn concept, the organization dedicates itself to being connected:

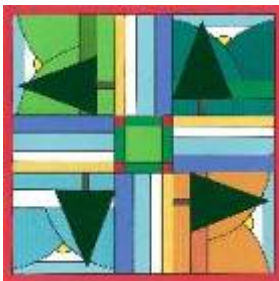
Like individual squares sewn together
to form a quilt, To each other,
To our collective history,
To our quilts,
To our rural landscape,
To the people, places, stories and
patterns that make it possible,
Now and forever more





The Barn Quilt Association Board with founder. Pictured are (l to r): Karen Reckner, Secretary; Cheryl DeBerry, Treasurer; Donna Sue Groves, Founder; Beverley Williams, President; Joyce Bishoff, Vice President; Not pictured: Dolores Davis, Board Member.

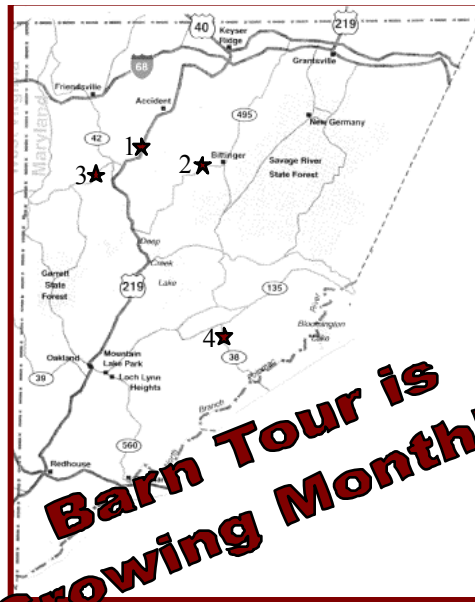
Committee members of the Barn Quilt Association of Garrett County decide the criteria for who, when and where



Our Mission

The mission of the Barn Quilt Association of Garrett County is to provide a sustainable heritage tourism attraction/activity while preserving and celebrating the unique agriculture, history, and arts culture of our area through visual combinations of barns and quilt designs, to educate the public and showcase our Appalachian tradition.

Visit www.garrettbarnquilts.org for more photos.



1. Fratz Lemoyne Star
27599 Garrett Hwy, Accident
2. Beitzel Ohio Star
7644 Rock Lodge Rd, Accident
3. Hinebaugh Delectable Mountains
5440 Sang Run Rd, McHenry
4. Logan Turkey Tracks
2515 Boiling Spring Rd, Deer Park



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Beverley Williams, President
 Joyce Bishoff, Vice President
 Karen Reckner, Secretary
 Cheryl DeBerry, Treasurer
 Dolores Davis, Publicity

Who Can Be Involved?

Everyone!

All ages, all groups,
all abilities, all interests!

YES! I'd like to help:

- I'd like to work on a committee. Please call me. My number is below.
- I'd like to sponsor a block; here's a check for \$300.
- I'd like to make a donation. Enclosed is my check for \$_____.
- I'd like to be a sponsor. Please call me about sponsor opportunities.
- I have a barn I'd like to have considered for a quilt block. The barn is located at:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City _____

St, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Cell: _____

Email: _____

Complete and mail to address at left