



New Jersey Barn Quilts

*A program of the New Jersey Museum of Agriculture
103 College Farm Rd. - North Brunswick, NJ 08902
732-249-2077 -- www.njbarnquilts.com*

PROCEDURE FOR OBTAINING A BARN QUILT

- 1) **Contact a member** of the NJ Barn Quilt Project expressing interest in the program. Contact can be made through the website listed above or a phone call to the Museum.
- 2) **Select a quilt design** which must be approved by the barn quilt committee. Designs can be from traditional quilt books, software, etc. OR quilt block can be a new design made by the owner (It cannot be a pattern already selected). Generally we encourage geometric patterns with straight lines, for easier taping and painting.
- 3) **Select colors for the barn quilt.** We are encouraging the use of primary or muted primary colors for high visibility from the roadway. If you want the block made up by the barn quilt committee -we have red, orange, yellow, green, blue, black and gold paints currently available, other colors available upon request.
- 4) **Pick a location for the barn quilt.** We suggest that it would be able to be seen from two directions and be seen easily from the road. We prefer that the site be accessible easily from the road – wide curbs or a pull-out for viewing the completed quilt would be best.
- 5) **Receive approval from committee:**
 - a) For blocks being made by the committee:
 - ~ Send a check for \$300.00 made out to the *NJ Museum of Agriculture*
 - ~ Mail to: Audrey Planer, PO Box 274, Hope, NJ 07844
 - ~ We can then begin making your barn quilt on MDO plywood which comes primed on one side and we prime the other. It is painted with Benjamin Moore paints. No sealer is put on the barn quilt because when it needs to be repainted it would be very difficult to do if there was a sealer.
 - ~ You cannot alter the block once it is chosen and painted
 - ~ Blocks are generally **8ft x 8ft**, and are best installed on a wooden **2"x 4"** framing, on the building
 - ~ Installation is NOT included
 - b) For self-made blocks:
 - ~ Process is the same for approvals - Quilt design/colors/location, etc
 - ~ Send a check for \$50.00 donation (or more) made out to the NJ Museum of Agriculture
 - ~ Mail to: Audrey Planer, PO Box 274, Hope, NJ 07844
 - ~ Owner is responsible for all expenses and labor to construct, paint and mount quilt block
 - ~ Committee can provide pointers for painting, etc.
- 6) **What you get for your donation:** donations are used to support:
 - a) The NJ Barn Quilts website:
 - ~ Each farm/barn has an individual page on the website.
 - ~ Maps to the quilt sites will be posted on each individual site
 - ~ Owners can have their farm/business web link put onto their page
 - b) Barn Quilt Brochures will be developed – listing maps and directions to quilt blocks
 - c) National Quilt Trail book currently being written, New Jersey will be included in the book.
- 7) **The installation and upkeep** of the barn quilt is the owner's responsibility. We will share information as to how other quilts have been placed on the barns. This applies to all blocks, whether committee-made or self-made.
- 8) **You must agree** to allow your building to be photographed by the public and a committee person and allow photos to be used in advertising the NJ Barn Quilt project and Barn Quilt Trail.
- 9) **You must agree** to participate in the NJ Barn Quilt project and Barn Quilt Trail for a minimum of 2 years.

We hope this outline will answer many of your questions about how to participate in this project with us. This is a great opportunity for community involvement, Scout projects or other service organizations. We look forward to working with you to get YOUR barn quilt up soon!



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NEW JERSEY BARN QUILT TRAIL SELECTED QUILT BLOCKS

As of: 10/07/09

American Pride
Basket of Chips
Churn Dash
Corn and Beans
County Fair
Country Roads
Dakota's Star
Evening Star
Farmers Daughter
Flower Basket
Harvest Star
Log Cabin
Moravian Star
New Shining Star
Ohio Star
Sunbeam
The Fish
The Hunt
Windmill