

Dear Oakland Township Barn Owners,

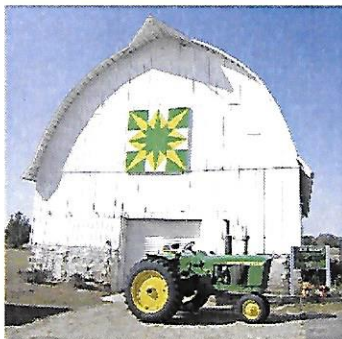
Living in Oakland Township we are favorably reminded of our farming landscape and agricultural heritage. Recently, the OTHS celebrated forty years in OT and we placed a quilt square on the Flumerfelt Barn at Cranberry Lake Farm Historic District. We had so much fun with that project we are asking you to participate in a Township wide barn quilt trail.



The 8'x8' painted square called 'Cranberry Lake' was designed by Mary Asmus. Its four branches represents branches of the OTHS, Parks and Recreation Commission, Historic District Commission, and Oakland Township all coming together to protect the natural beauty of the lake, the park and the farmstead.

The Barn quilt tour idea has spread to 50 states and to Canada, and the trail continues to grow. Over 7000 quilts are part of organized trails; and more can be found throughout the countryside possibly waiting to be discovered in Oakland Township.

Our hope is to have you participate with us to create a Township-wide Quilt Trail! It would be great to have as many barn-owner participants as possible. Visible locations for the quilts would be beneficial so drivers on the trail can see your design from the roadside. You may wish to have a personal statement and design your own quilt square, or members of the OTHS would also be happy to help with design ideas.



Examples of a barn quilt in other Communities.

A Barn Quilt Trail brochure will be produced showcasing our unique history. The Quilt Trail will be publicized locally, and a self-guided tour will be offered in the fall of 2016. The quilt square can be a temporary fixture or you may wish to have it become a more permanent fixture. The squares are usually made from two 4' x 8' sheets of plywood or smaller in size depending on your location, visibility, design, and available surface area. We want YOU to be a part of our Quilt Trail!

We hope you will join us in our Barn Quilt Trail endeavor. We enjoy our distinct rural character in Oakland Township, and we wish to promote a sense of pride in our community. And it will be FUN!

For more information contact OTHS directors: Colleen Barkham, Tom Asmus, David Phillips, Barbara Barber, Sue Fox, Jeanne Phillips, and Diana Borrusch. Please visit the OTHS website at www.oaklandtownshiphistoricalsociety.org. **Questions – Please call Barb Barber at 586-703-3933.**