

LaGrange County Barn Quilt Trail Site Application and Information 2026



There's no better way to experience the culture and history of rural Northern Indiana than by hitting the backroads and traveling the countryside where colorful wooden Barn Quilts can be found adorning historic barns, family homesteads, and public spaces. Their history began nearly 300 years ago in Germany, and they remain a beloved ongoing tradition. Today, Barn Quilts are a visitor attraction and growing phenomenon.

The LaGrange County Barn Quilt Trail assists visitors in finding these one-of-a-kind historical art pieces. They are constructed using plywood and painted with heirloom quilt patterns. No two Barn Quilt (BQ) blocks are the same, just as traditional quilts vary in size, color, and style. Many of the quilt patterns tell stories about family, history, and culture. As of 2024, there were 80 Barn Quilts identified on the existing Off the Beaten Path (OBP) Map.

The LaGrange County Barn Quilt Trail brings communities together, telling stories and adding color and interest along the scenic Off the Beaten Path Trail and beautiful landscapes. Self-guided trail maps are available at the visitor's center or at www.VisitShipshewana.org. In 2024, a companion self-guided audio tour taking visitors and residents past many Barn Quilts was also developed.

Karen Weiland, Barn Quilt Artist & Project Manager, will work with you to choose the size, pattern, and colors used to make your Barn Quilt as singular as you are. If interested, please fill out and return the form below.

This is an official project of the LaGrange County Convention & Visitors Bureau (LCCVB).

Barn Quilt Application:

Date of Request: _____

Applicant's Name: _____

Property Owner (if different from name above): _____

Host Name as it would appear in promotional materials if different from above: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Cell: _____

Email: _____

Website (if applicable): _____

Quilt Block Physical Address if different from above: _____

Location & Barn Quilt Information

1. What type of hosting structure will this Barn Quilt be placed on?
2. What year was the hosting structure built, to the best of your knowledge?
3. How long have you or your family owned the host structure? (Please elaborate with details and attach supplemental pages if necessary.)
4. Do you have a preferred quilt pattern/design, theme, or colors in mind for your Barn Quilt? If so, what?
5. If not, would you like some suggestions or options of potential designs for your review and approval prior to creation?

Size of Quilt Block Request:



☐ 4' x 4'



☐ 6' x 6'



☐ 8' x 8'

If you have any interesting stories or trivia about the host structure, property, or family, please share them here, or attach supplemental pages, if necessary:

For questions, contact:

Contracted Project Manager

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Barn Quilt Artist & Coordinator

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Terms & Conditions

By signing and submitting this application I agree to the following terms & conditions:

- 1. I agree to have a Barn Quilt on my property for a minimum of three (3) years if not longer if requested**
- 2. I understand that the Barn Quilt is the property of the home owner/property owner.**
- 3. I agree that if I sell the property prior to the three year time frame, I will notify the LCCVB immediately upon close of sale to update the map and website.**
- 4. If I remove the Barn Quilt I agree to contacting the LCCVB or Contract Project Manager to inform and update the map/website.**
- 5. I will contact the LCCVB or Contracted Project Manager if there is an act of nature or other cause out of my control which created damage to the Barn Quilt and will request repairs at that time. Repairs must be made within 2 months of damage.**
- 6. I will allow my property to be photographed or videoed by the public and the LCCVB for marketing and promotional purposes.**
- 7. I will allow my business or personal name to be published on printed materials, on social media posts, and on the website as deemed appropriate by the LCCVB.**
- 8. I provide permission to enter my property and release of any liability REMC, or other designated installation company determined by the LCCVB, for this project installation including:**
- 9. I will keep trees, bushes, etc. trimmed to not interfere with the viewing of the Barn Quilt.**
- 10. The LCCVB will assume the expense in the creation or maintenance of this Barn Quilt.**



Shipshewana Visitor's Center

The Visitor's Center is the Official Amish Country first stop for local information, maps, tips and FREE coupon books!

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Give us a call: 260.768.4008

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I, _____, represent that I am the owner of the real estate and improvements more commonly known as _____, LaGrange County, Indiana (the "Property"). I represent that I have authority to execute this Permission to Enter Property and Release of Liability (the "Agreement"). In consideration of my involvement in a tourism project which involves the display of certain structures (more commonly known as "Barn Quilts") upon the Property, I authorize the LaGrange County Rural Electric Membership Corporation (the "REMC"), or other designated installation company determined by the LCCVB, to enter upon the property to perform any and all work and services associated with the location, placement, securing and removal of said Barn Quilts.

Further, in consideration of said services and as a condition to the REMC (or other designated installation company) performing said work and services:

1. I do for myself, my estate, my heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, unconditionally release, waive, discharge and covenant not to sue the REMC (or other designated installation company), its agents, servants, employees, directors, managers, administrators, officers, and officials (collectively the "Releasees"), and I release them from any and all liability, claims, causes of action, demands of any kind or nature whatsoever for any injuries I may sustain, death, and any damage that may be caused to me or my Property in connection with or which may arise from any activity performed by the Releasees in the locations, placement, securing and removal of said Barn Quilts, including defects in workmanship, even if my personal injuries sustained, death, or property damage is caused in whole or in part by negligence or fault of the Releasees.
2. I do for myself, my estate, my heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns hereby agree to hold harmless and indemnify the Releasees from any and all lawsuits and judgments that may come about as a result of the Property being involved in the display of said Barn Quilts, whether brought by myself, my tenants, invitees, guests, trespassers, and all others viewing the Barn Quilts, including any lawsuits or judgments arising from the Releasees' own negligence. This indemnification shall include and not be limited to any settlements, judgments, awards by a court, or arbitration. Said indemnification shall include attorney fees and costs incurred by the Releasees in connection with any action or defense necessary to protect themselves under the terms of this Agreement.

Dated this _____ day of _____

Signature

Printed Name
