

# Ogemaw County Quilt Trail

## History of the Quilt Trail

In 2001 Donna Sue Groves, in Adams County, Ohio painted a quilt block on her barn to honor her mother, a master quilter. From that humble beginning has grown a national movement of counties and communities developing their own trail of quilts on barns, houses and other buildings throughout America. More than 30 states now have Quilt Trails with over 3,000 registered quilt blocks. The movement shows no sign of stopping.



Bob Griffin farm on Channel Lk Rd  
and Jaroski's farm at one time

## Our History

Ogemaw County has a rich tradition of farming and quilting. In the early 1900's many Amish and Mennonite families from Indiana and Ohio came to farm the land after the lumbering companies had logged off the forests. The early settlers brought with them their tradition of being good farmers and their wives brought their family quilts. What better way to honor their sacrifices and struggles; their triumphs and tenacity than to commemorate them with quilt blocks on barns?

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The West Branch Area Chamber of Commerce (WBACC), Ogemaw Genealogical and Historical Society (OG&HS) and the West Branch Creative Arts Association (WBCAA) is partnering up to make this project happen! One of our goals is to involve community groups, organizations, businesses and families and have quilt blocks in all of Ogemaw County.

## The Benefits to Ogemaw County

*"Quilt barn trails bring tourism and tourist dollars into the region, engage people in their communities, and promote local culture and history."* (Ohio University Impact Study)

Through the efforts of the WBACC, WBCAA and OG&HS we are helping to preserve our heritage of old barns and outbuildings in Ogemaw County. Friends, neighbors and visitors to our area will explore the highways and back roads to see the Quilt Trail and to discover the beauty of Ogemaw County. Along the way they will eat,

shop and spend time here.





## Volunteer

We welcome volunteers at any level of commitment. No special skills are necessary. Our quilt blocks can be painted by volunteers from age 9 to 90!

We welcome individuals, family groups, school groups, businesses, and organizations to join the fun!

Contact us: 989-345-2821.



## Donate



Our quilt blocks are paid for by the host family, a business or sponsor; additional blocks will be sponsored through grants as we receive them. Funds must be raised to support the Quilt Trail Guide, website, and special events on the Ogemaw County Quilt Trail. If you wish to help, please send a check to:

**West Branch Area Chamber of Commerce (WBACC) \*Ogemaw County Quilt Trail on memo line\***  
**422 W. Houghton Ave.**  
**West Branch, MI 48661**

**(Your contribution may be tax deductible – check with your accountant)**

***Thank you for your interest in the Quilt Trail.***



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## QUILT BLOCK SITE APPLICATION



Date of request \_\_\_\_\_  
Person or group requesting block \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Site location address (if different than above) \_\_\_\_\_  
Owner of site \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact person \_\_\_\_\_

### Quilt Block:

8' x 8'      \$400

A check for at least half the cost must accompany application. Block installation arrangements are not included in this cost. Recipient is responsible for installation.

Please make your check payable to WBACC and specify Ogemaw County Quilt Trail on the memo line.

(Donation may be tax-deductible – check with your accountant.)

### *In making this application, I agree to accept the following conditions and requirements:*

- I understand that the Ogemaw County Quilt Trail (OCQT) Committee will determine appropriateness of sites for placement of quilt blocks based on visibility, traffic density, maintenance of building and premises.
- I will work with OCQT in developing the design of the proposed quilt block and site story for OCQT publications. I will also help or make arrangements for volunteers to paint the quilt block.
- OCQT will publish a block photo and story that will appear in our brochure and on community website, as well as news media and future publications and promotions.
- The quilt block cannot be a company logo, nor can the installed block be used as a company logo.
- No other graphics, slogans or quotes may be on the same side of the barn/building as the quilt block without approval of the committee. Name and date is okay.
- The site must be accessible by a bucket truck for installation (if required) and not encumbered with power lines.
- The block recipient is responsible for installation and maintenance of the block.
- The quilt block must remain on the building for at least five years.
- Once the block design has been agreed upon, no changes may be made to the block and it cannot be moved or altered in any way without agreement by the OCQT.
- I will allow my barn/building to be photographed by the public and photos to be used by OCQT in promoting the Quilt Trail, with my name and/or my business name to be used on promotional materials and community website.
- OCQT brochures will remind visitors on the Quilt Trail to be respectful of private property and ask permission before photographing people in conjunction with the quilt block or building.
- I agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Ogemaw County Quilt Trail the West Branch Area Chamber of Commerce, Ogemaw County Genealogical and Historical Society and West Branch Creative Arts Association as well as its officers, committees, agents and employees for and against any and all claims, liabilities, losses and causes of action related to the quilt block.

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Name (Printed) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of site Owner if different from Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



Owner's Name (Printed) \_\_\_\_\_  
OCQT Project Representative, Title \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Send completed and signed application with check made payable to WBACC to: 422 W. Houghton Ave. West Branch, MI 48661  
Questions may be directed to 989-345-2821

**FOR COMMITTEE USE:**

Dates: Application received _____	Interview Completed _____	Site Approved _____
Deposit received _____	Final payment received _____	Grant Funds used _____
Quilt Pattern Chosen _____	Quilt Trail Block Number _____	Block Hung _____

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## Additional Information

The following information is not required for your request, but will be used in any print and electronic promotion of the Ogemaw County Quilt Trail and any tours. By completing this information you are giving the OCQT permission to use it for the above purpose. Attach additional pages as necessary.

**Farm/Property:**

How long has it been in the family?

Who bought it? When?

**Barn/Building:**

When was it built and by whom?

What was its original function? What is it used for now?

What materials is it constructed with?

Was the architecture determined by the function of the barn?

**Quilt Block:**

**Miscellaneous History:**

Please share any interesting stories about the barn/building, the farm/business, the area, or your family.