

# Application

Information supplied by this application will be housed at the McHenry County Historical Society Museum and kept as a historical record.

## **Barn owner criteria and eligibility information:**

McHenry County barn owners interested in being part of the Quilt Barn Project should complete and submit the form below along with a photo of the completed quilted barn to the McHenry County Historical Society, P.O. Box 434, Union, IL 60180.

- The barn should be visible without obstruction of trees, crops, or other buildings during all seasons.
- The quilt block must be visible from two directions.
- The barn should be a stable, permanent building large enough to frame the quilt square appropriately.
- The quilt block will be 8' x 8.'
- The structure does not have to be on a active farm, but must be on a farm that is well-kept.
- The structure must be located along a road, either hard-surface or gravel, that is well-maintained during all seasons.
- No labeling or advertising will be permitted on the structure.
- Quilt installation is the responsibility of the owner.
- The McHenry County sign ordinance does not permit painting a Barn Quilt design directly on the barn nor does it allow for any signage.

Name of Owners: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Barn: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Quilt Pattern: \_\_\_\_\_

Quilt sponsor, if applicable: \_\_\_\_\_

***Optional:***

How long has the farm been in the family?\_\_\_\_\_

Who bought the farm and when?\_\_\_\_\_

When was the barn built?\_\_\_\_\_

What was the barn's original function?\_\_\_\_\_

Of what materials was the barn constructed?\_\_\_\_\_

Does the architecture of the barn relate any other information?\_\_\_\_\_

Type of building if not a barn (corncrib, machine shed, etc.)\_\_\_\_\_

As the owner of this property, I understand that I am responsible for installing the finished artwork and maintaining it. I understand that quilted barns may be featured in tourism brochures.

Signature:\_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Suggested procedure for painting a barn quilt**

Paint the quilt pattern on exterior grade plywood, ¾" AA or AC, meaning that it is finished on one or both sides. Use two 4 foot x 8 foot sheets. Prime the plywood with two coats of paint, with four coats on the edge. For final painting use a high quality semi-gloss exterior latex paint. Quilt pattern samples below are suggestions only. Participants may select their own design.

The easiest way to apply a pattern is to create a 3 inch border all the way around. This will leave 7 ½ feet for the pattern. Print out a 7 ½" line drawing. Then use a scale of 1 inch = 1 foot to transfer the pattern to wood.