

# **'HOW-TO' BARN QUILT WORKSHOP & PAINTING SESSION: BASICS FROM INSPIRATION TO INSTALLATION**

Presented by Town of Colton Tourism & Beautification Committee  
(Ruth McWilliams, Coordinator and Presenter)

## **ANNOUNCEMENT**

**WHEN? TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4 TO THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6**

**DAY 1 / OCTOBER 4 (9am – 4pm):** SET UP for participants / only designs having straight lines can be done during this Basics session

Advance preparation must be done in consultation with Ruth McWilliams, including discussion of size, design, and paint colors by September 30. Set up times for individual projects on October 4 also must be scheduled in advance with Ruth (ruth@catamountlodge.com; (315) 262-2450) in order to give each participant individual time and attention.

Each participant should plan on a minimum of 4 hours on Day 1 to finalize design, select colors, sand and prime board, and draw design on the board.

**DAY 2 / OCTOBER 5 (9am – 5pm):** BASICS WORKSHOP from inspiration to installation

All participants will receive a packet of information and begin painting projects while being coached and assisted as desired. Participants should plan to stay for the entire 8 hours which includes a short presentation in the morning plus time for painting and time for lunch.

**DAY 3 / OCTOBER 6 (9am – 5pm):** PAINTING SESSION to finish barn quilts

Participants painting must plan to attend Day 3 in order to complete their projects. Usually participants finish within 3 or 4 hours on the third day. A photo of each participant with his/her completed project will be taken before departure.

**WHERE? J.R. WATSON COMMUNITY CENTER** (9 Sugar Bush Lane in South Colton)

The Community Center is located in the hamlet of Colton. The session will be held in the meeting room on the left side. There is a large parking area at the corner of State Highway 56 and Sugar Bush Lane.

Participants can use the kitchen to store food during the session.

**HOW MANY? MAXIMUM OF 10 PROJECTS**

Due to space limitations a maximum of 10 projects can be done in a combination of sizes from 2x2 feet to 4x4 feet. There is not room for all projects to be larger sizes; and so space will be allocated on a first come, first serve basis. Owners of the barn quilts must plan to attend all 3 days to complete planned projects.

**PURPOSE:** Overall goal is to introduce participants to barn quilts and to build confidence to paint barn quilts for selves and/or others. Participants will be informed about the history of barn quilts; and will learn the basics of making a barn quilt (as outlined below) through the presentation of information and hands-on activities.

Overview—Learn about the following through presentations and discussions:

- ✓ History of barn quilts in the United States and St. Lawrence County
- ✓ Basic steps from inspiration to installation
- ✓ Painting guidelines and other hints
- ✓ Supplies
- ✓ Installation insights

Hands-on Activities—Learn about the following by working on actual barn quilt projects:

- ✓ Priming sign board (medium density overlay (MDO) plywood) / during SET UP
- ✓ Drawing design on primed sign board / during SET UP
- ✓ Taping design for painting / during BASICS WORKSHOP and PAINTING SESSION
- ✓ Painting design / during BASICS WORKSHOP and PAINTING SESSION

**REGISTRATION:** Space limited to 10 projects due to space available and in order for the presenter/helpers to provide guidance and attention to each participant and to assist where and when needed. Registrants will either paint their own projects or assist others with theirs; but all registrants must register and pay at least the registration fee.

Projects may be painted by one individual or teams of two individuals. A 2x2 foot barn quilt can easily be done by one person. Teams are allowed for larger projects. Participants will be approved on a first come / first serve basis.

The registration deadline is Friday, September 30 with the \$15 registration fee payable to Town of Colton. In addition to registering, participants must contact Ruth McWilliams (ruth@catamountlodge.com; 315-262-2450) no later than September 30 to discuss size, design, and colors.

**FEE:** The fee to attend includes two costs—registration and materials.

- (1) Registration—The registration fee for each owner of a barn quilt as well as team members is \$15 each, payable to the ‘Town of Colton’ by September 30.
- (2) Materials—Owners of the barn quilts being painted must pay for all materials (board, primer, paint and tape) to be supplied by the Town of Colton Tourism & Beautification Committee, including the Benjamin Moore Aura Waterborne Exterior Paints (Low Lustre) from the Affinity Colors palette. Owners will be able to choose from more than 40 colors. The cost of materials for a 2x2 foot barn quilt painted with 3 colors is \$33 unless the cost of the MDO board goes up; and more for larger sizes due to the cost of the board. There is an additional \$5 charge if 4 or more colors are used.

The total fee for the owner of a 2x2 foot barn quilt could be as little as \$48 (\$15 + \$33) which is significantly less than the \$100+ price tag to purchase one painted by the Tourism & Beautification Committee or others.

Each owner of a barn quilt being painted will receive an invoice on Day 2 from Ruth McWilliams on behalf of the Town of Colton Tourism & Beautification Committee for the cost of materials. Payment is due October 5. Only cash or checks covering the cost of materials will be accepted. Checks are to be made out to ‘Town of Colton.’

**FOOD AND DRINKS:** Some drinks will be provided but participants must bring their own snacks and meals. A refrigerator in the kitchen is available to store items.