

# **'HOW-TO' BARN QUILT CLASS: BASICS FROM INSPIRATION TO INSTALLATION**

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

## **ANNOUNCEMENT FOR CLASS AT THE TAUNY CENTER IN CANTON DURING 2018 ARTISTS' STUDIO TOUR**

**WHEN? THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1 TO SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3**

### **DAY 1 / NOVEMBER 1 (10am – 5pm): SET UP**

All participants will create 2x2 foot barn quilts in the class; and only designs with straight lines can be done by first-timers. There are thousands of traditional quilt block patterns and Ruth McWilliams will have books and other materials available for participants to select designs. Participants, however, are encouraged to consult with Ruth in advance ([ruth@catamountlodge.com](mailto:ruth@catamountlodge.com)) about their interests and possible designs. Please note set up for all participants begins at 10am; however, participants can depart after completing set up which usually takes 4-6 hours to graph the design, select colors, sand and prime the board, and draw the design on the board. Painting of the design begins on Day 2.

### **DAY 2 / NOVEMBER 2 (10am – 5pm): BASICS INFORMATION AND PAINTING**

All participants will receive a packet of information and begin painting projects while being coached and assisted as needed. Participants must plan to stay for the entire day which includes a 1-hour presentation, leaving plenty of time for painting and taking breaks for snacks and lunch.

### **DAY 3 / NOVEMBER 3 (10am – 5pm): PAINTING AND TOUCH-UPS**

Participants must plan to attend Day 3 in order to complete projects. Usually participants finish within 4-6 hours on the third day. A photo of each participant with his/her completed project will be taken before departure. And since this class is being held in The TAUNY Center, a stop on the 2018 Artists' Studio Tour on November 3-4 organized by the St. Lawrence County Arts Council, participants should expect the public to stop in to observe and learn a bit about barn quilt painting.

**WHERE? THE TAUNY CENTER (53 Main Street in Canton)**

The headquarters of Traditional Arts in Upstate New York (TAUNY) is located in downtown Canton in the middle of a block along Main Street. Check TAUNY's website ([tauny.org](http://tauny.org)) to learn more about the organization and/or call (315) 386-4289 for directions. There is free public parking in the rear of The TAUNY Center, easily accessed from Hodskin Street. Participants can use stairs or the elevator to reach the Lower Level where the class will be held.

**HOW MANY? MAXIMUM OF 10 PROJECTS**

Class is limited to 10 projects due to space limitations and in order for the presenter to provide guidance and to assist where and when needed. Also due to space limitations participants can only paint barn quilts measuring 2x2 feet. First timers will be given priority. Participants must plan to attend all three 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 creating a barn quilt (as outlined below) through the presentation of information and hands-on activities. All participants will leave with completed projects.

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:

- ✓ Sanding and priming medium density overlay (MDO) plywood (also known as sign board)
- ✓ Drawing design on graph paper, then on primed sign board
- ✓ Taping design for painting
- ✓ Painting design and doing touch-ups

### **REGISTRATION:**

All participants must register by October 24 with Ruth McWilliams ([ruth@catamountlodge.com](mailto:ruth@catamountlodge.com)) with payment due on the third day of the class (see fees and other information below). First-time class participants will be given priority. Otherwise participants will be approved on a first come, first reserve basis including returning painters. Returning painters will be notified of availability on October 25.

**FEES:** The fees to attend includes two costs—Registration and Materials.

- (1) **Registration**—The registration fee is \$25, covering use of the space by TAUNY and support for the Town of Colton's Tourism & Beautification Committee which conducts the class and provides all materials for it.
- (2) **Materials**—Participants must pay for their 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. Participants will be able to choose from about 80 paint colors in the palette. Other class supplies including rulers, graph paper, brushes, rollers, and more will be provided at no additional cost. The cost of a 2x2 foot barn quilt painted with 3 colors is \$50 unless the cost of the sign board and/or other supplies goes up. There is an additional \$5 charge if 4 or more paint colors are used.

Note...if a participant needs extra assistance above and beyond the norm in order to design and/or complete a project in the three days, then a \$15 helper fee may be charged. Paints and other supplies will not be loaned out following the class for participants to complete projects.

The total fee for the owner of a 2x2 foot barn quilt could be \$75 (\$25 to register + \$50 for materials) which is quite a bit less than the \$125 price tag (plus or minus depending upon complexity) to purchase one measuring 2x2 feet painted by the Tourism & Beautification Committee or others.

Each participant will receive an invoice on Day 3 from Ruth McWilliams on behalf of the Town of Colton Tourism & Beautification Committee. Payment is due on Day 3. Only cash or checks will be accepted. Checks are to be made out to 'Town of Colton.'

**DRINKS AND FOOD:** Participants must provide their own drinks, snacks, and meals. A refrigerator in the kitchen on the Main Level is available to store items. Participants will take snack and lunch breaks as needed.

**FINAL NOTE:** During the three days participants should wear clothes for painting; and must be able to stand for several hours at a time and be able to bend over tables to prime and paint boards.