

So, What's a Barn Quilt?

Each one of us probably has a memory associated with a quilt. Perhaps you received one as a gift to commemorate a special occasion, or you slept under one when you visited Grandma.

For hundreds of years, quilts have played an important role in the lives of people and families around the world.

In 2001, an Ohio woman, Donna Sue Groves, wanted to honor her mother, who was a 5th generation quilter and draw attention to an historic tobacco barn on her property. So... she painted a quilt block on the side of the barn... and the Barn Quilt was born!

Before long, people were asking how they could paint one on their barn or granary. From that simple beginning, the idea has grown.

Consisting of wood and paint instead of fabric and thread, barn quilts serve as reminders of our pioneer heritage, our agricultural roots, and at the same time, add beauty, color and folk art to our landscapes.

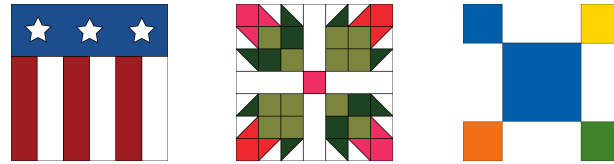
Today, Barn Quilts can be found in a variety of sizes, and not only on barns. They are found on garages, in flower gardens, parks, along roadsides, and in front yards.

The Gage County Agriculture Society, along with Gage County 4-H clubs, members and families, has one of the first fairgrounds in the state of Nebraska to have a Barn Quilt Trail, honoring both our agricultural and quilt heritage. Follow the trail to discover the beauty and variety of the patterns, each with a tie to our past... and to our future.

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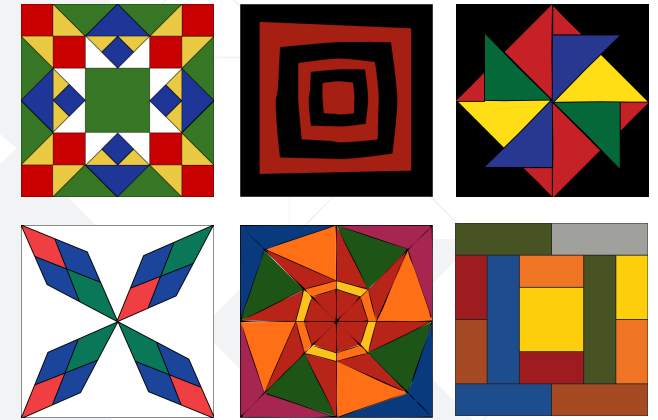
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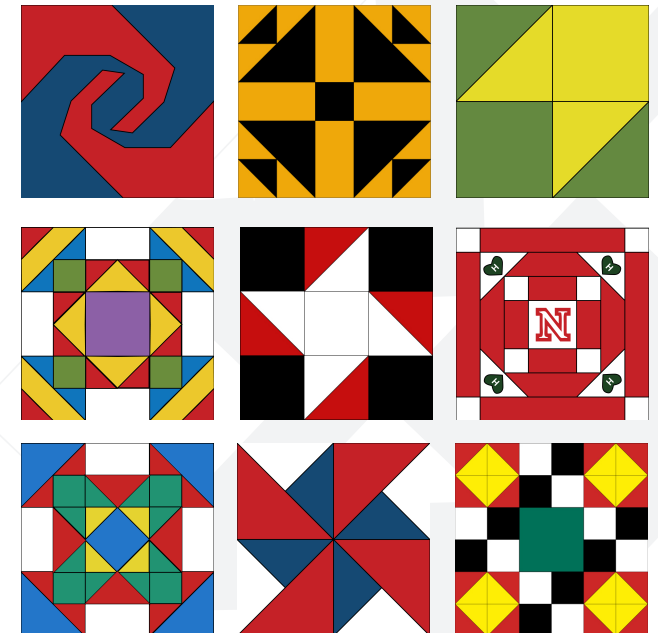
Fun Facts

- 14 different colors were used
- 91 containers were used to hold the paints needed for the 18 quilt block kits used by the painters
- Most used color: Red, followed by blue and green
- Least used color: Pink, used only in Carnival Time and Rosebud
- Smallest number of colors used in a block: 2
- Largest number of colors used in a block: 6





















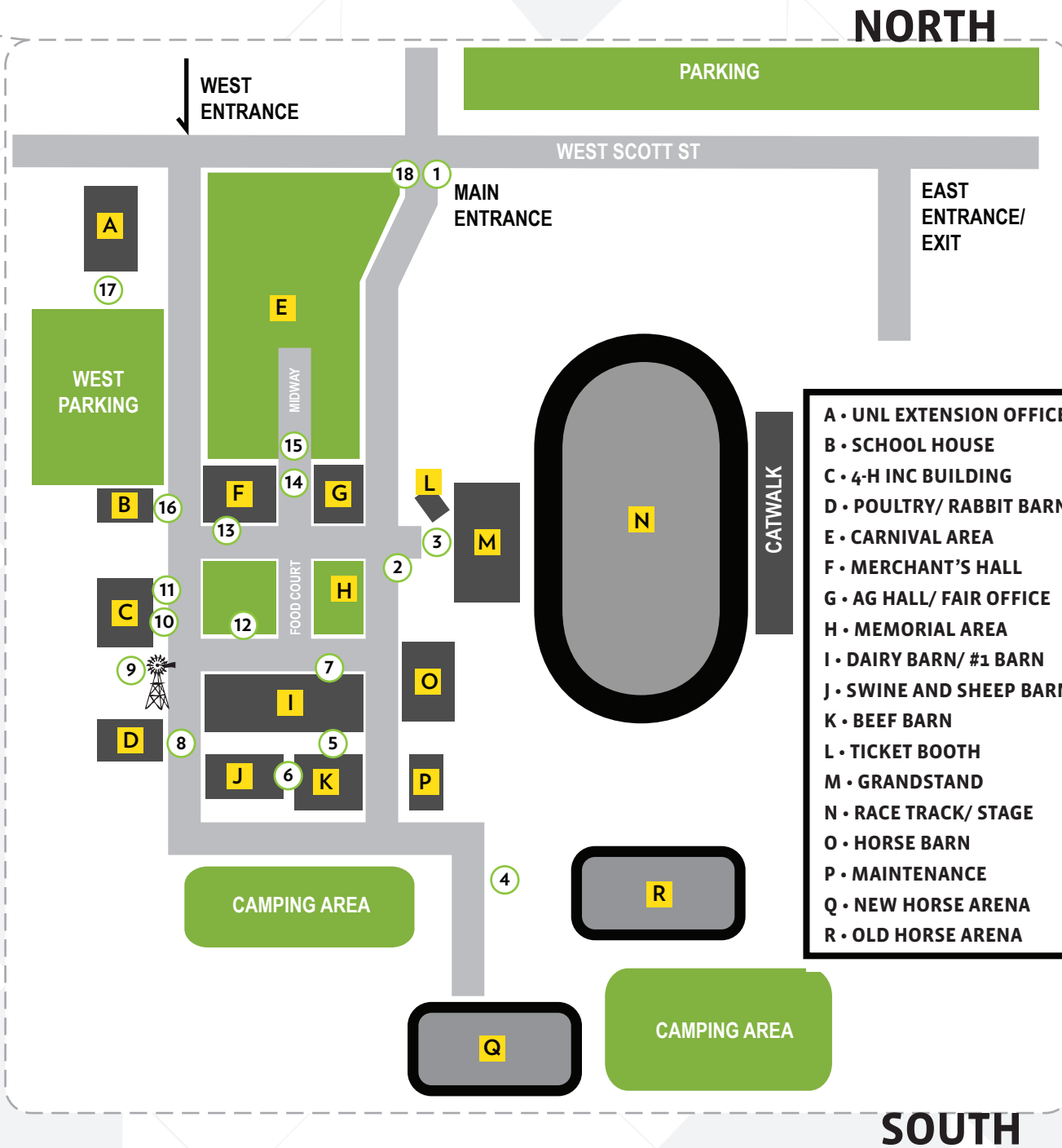
Covering the
Gage County Fairgrounds
with quilts

Beatrice, Nebraska



Follow the Barn Quilt Trail

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|  | 1 County Fair
<i>Docter Family, Nemaha Valley 4-H Club • Firth, Nebraska</i> | Main Entrance |
|  | 2 Stars and Bars
<i>Pathfinders 4-H Club</i> | Flags Area |
|  | 3 Rolling Gears
<i>Women for Racing</i> | Grandstand |
|  | 4 Cowboy Star
<i>3 G's 4-H Club</i> | Horse Arena |
|  | 5 Bull's Eye
<i>Indian Creek 4-H Club</i> | Beef Barn |
|  | 6 Pig's Tail
<i>Docter Family, Nemaha Valley 4-H Club • Firth, Nebraska</i> | Swine/ Sheep Barn |
|  | 7 Milky Way
<i>Ryan Kolman • Beatrice, Nebraska</i> | Dairy Barn/ #1 Barn |
|  | 8 Hen and Chicks
<i>Feathers and Fur 4-H Club</i> | Poultry/ Rabbit Complex |
|  | 9 Windmill
<i>Best Foot Forward 4-H Club</i> | Windmill Area |
|  | 10 Best of All
<i>Pathfinders 4-H Club</i> | 4-H Inc. Building |
|  | 11 State Fair
<i>Riverview Jr Stockmen 4-H Club</i> | 4-H Inc. Building |
|  | 12 Children's Delight
<i>TEAMS 4-H Club</i> | Playground Area |
|  | 13 Rosebud
<i>Kay and Larry McKinzie • Beatrice, Nebraska</i> | Merchant's Hall |
|  | 14 Carnival Time
<i>Courtney Thomas • Wymore Nebraska</i> | Carnival Area |
|  | 15 Merry-Go-Round
<i>Michael Knipe • Adams Nebraska</i> | Carnival Area |
|  | 16 Crayon Box
<i>Odell Cookies 4-H Club</i> | School House |
|  | 17 Old Favorite
<i>Julie and Sarah Hay • Beatrice, Nebraska</i> | Extension Office |
|  | 18 Homeward Bound
<i>Lucas Barr • Liberty Nebraska</i> | Main Exit |



- A • UNL EXTENSION OFFICE
- B • SCHOOL HOUSE
- C • 4-H INC BUILDING
- D • POULTRY/ RABBIT BARN
- E • CARNIVAL AREA
- F • MERCHANT'S HALL
- G • AG HALL/ FAIR OFFICE
- H • MEMORIAL AREA
- I • DAIRY BARN/ #1 BARN
- J • SWINE AND SHEEP BARN
- K • BEEF BARN
- L • TICKET BOOTH
- M • GRANDSTAND
- N • RACE TRACK/ STAGE
- O • HORSE BARN
- P • MAINTENANCE
- Q • NEW HORSE ARENA
- R • OLD HORSE ARENA