

## BARN QUILTS IN LANCASTER COUNTY

Since 2001, “barn quilts” – quilt block designs painted on wood or metal – have appeared on barns across the United States. These barn quilts are designed to decorate a building, not a bed. We have found five Barn Quilts in Lancaster County. Their addresses and stories are included here.

### **Willow Valley Communities Barn**

**900 Willow Valley Lakes Drive, Willow Street, PA**

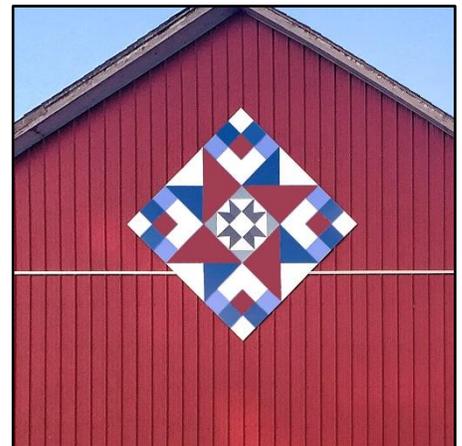
The Willow Valley Quilt Guild, in conjunction with Willow Valley Communities, planned and designed the “Pathways” Barn Quilt which was installed in September 2017 on the barn adjacent to the Cultural Center on the Lakes campus. The “Pathways” quilt block was chosen as a visual metaphor for the many paths residents have taken to come to Willow Valley Communities and the paths they continue to follow as they lead a Life Lived Forward.



### **Peachey Family Barn**

**924 Landisville Road, Manheim, PA**

“Star Design” – The design was selected by the Peachey family children for their mother because she likes star quilts. The barn quilt was a Christmas gift from Mr. Peachey to his wife. After a trip to Ohio and viewing numerous Barn Quilts he decided it would make a great gift. The quilt is displayed on a barn that used to be full of chickens.



### **Masonic Village Barn**

**1285 Bainbridge Road, Elizabethtown, PA**

“Crafting Life Our Way” – Like the pieces of a quilt combine to make art, so do our lives. Quilts have always reflected a woman’s hard work and skill to bring pieces of fabric together into a useable bed covering. Here residents come together with skills and experiences of a lifetime. They incorporate these skills into the next phase of their lives, retirement. The colors of this quilt reflect those of the Eastern Star. The bright blue, yellow, white, green, and red represent self-sacrifice, friendship, courage, devotion to the home, and love.

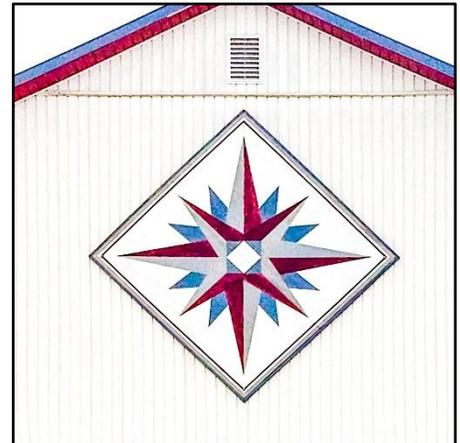


**Martin Family Barn**  
**801 Lincoln Road, Lititz, PA**

Jerilyn Martin shared the following information about their barn quilt.

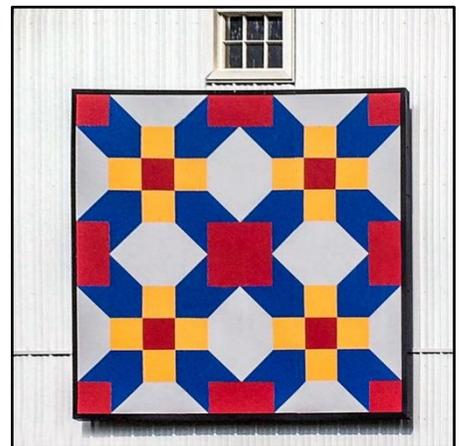
I grew up in Kalona, Iowa, which is a very small version of Lancaster County. We have a lot of Amish there, and it's touristy, so a number of years ago a group of people decided to put barn quilts on select barns in the area. My parents' barn was one of them since they lived along a main highway. My dad chose the design.

Ten years ago when the Martins redid their barn roof and added solar panels they decided to add a quilt like her parents had done. They chose a nautical design in honor of their son who was in the Coast Guard at the time.



**Book Family Barn**  
**655 Strasburg Pike, Lancaster, PA**

The barn quilt design on this barn is "The Farmer's Daughters". The Books tell us that as they traveled through Ohio, they admired the many quilts on barns and sheds. When they were renovating their barn that year (2014) they thought they should add a quilt block. Since Mrs. Book had been a quilter for many years she wanted a quilt block that would be meaningful to their family. They chose "The Farmer's Daughters" as they have three daughters. The colors were chosen to have good contrast on a neutral background.



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To learn more about the barn quilt movement, read ***Barn Quilts and the American Quilt Trail*** and ***Following the Barn Quilt Trail***, both by Suzi Parron.

To access information about the **Lancaster County Barn Quilt Geocache Tour**, log on to: <https://coord.info/GC7VOFA>. More information is available from Terry Ziegler at [tzieg601@gmail.com](mailto:tzieg601@gmail.com).

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