

Howard County Barn Blocks

1. Electric Fan

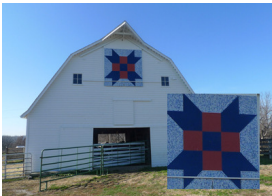
Martha Holman
1410 HWY 240 S. Fayette



The "Electric Fan" block has special significance for Martha. "That pattern was the pattern of one of my mother's favorite quilts that she kept on her bed," Martha explained. She said that she agreed to participate in the barn quilt program because she liked the idea of the tour. "I feel like it is a worthwhile project," Martha said. "It kind of enhances the countryside."

2. Farmer's Daughter

Edris and Robert Wilhoit, Jr.
193 HWY 5 North Fayette



It was a longtime connection that got the Wilhoits involved in the barn quilt program. "Our barn is well-located and I grew up in the same neighborhood as Connie Shay who painted the block," Robert explained. Edris added that they chose "Farmer's Daughter" because it has been a favorite in their family for several generations.

3. Bear Claw

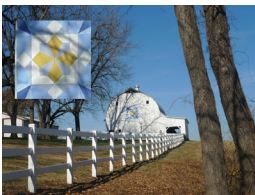
David & Elaine Smith
1050 HWY 240 Fayette



David Smith is a big game hunter and hunted bear hence the choice, "Bear Claw."

4. Wild Iris

Margie Aholt
1001 Randolph
Glasgow



This block is difficult to see when the trees have leaves.

5. Prairie Flower

Robby & Lynn Harvey
231 W. Broadway
New Franklin



Tourism council member and painter, Connie Shay, designed and chose the colors for the Harveys. The barn is located near the starting point of several trails West and she felt the design was a reflection of pioneer spirit and movement.

6. Shady Pines

Marty & Chip Ferry
2750 HWY 5
New Franklin



Marty loves taking walks around their farm and chose this pattern and colors because they remind her of all the beautiful trees on the farm.

7. Fireman's Cross

Scotty Shiflett
1531 HWY 5 & 240
Fayette



Scotty has been a volunteer fireman for many years. This block is a gift from his mother and his father-in-law who wanted something special for him. It was designed by his sister-in-law who named it in his honor.

Photo by Paul Byland

8. Heavenly Star

Debbie Johnson
1080 HWY 5 240
Glasgow



Debbie let her school students vote on the pattern.

9. Dresden Plate

Norma and Howard Robertson
5443 HWY 87
Franklin



Norma said she chose the "Dresden Plate" block for their barn because her mother-in-law had a quilt with the same pattern and she liked it. "I enjoy looking at it as I go past the barn," Norma said.

10. Shadow Star

Jeff Oberhaus/Vintage Hill
5643 HWY 87
New Franklin



Jeff said quilt block painter Connie Shay, a longtime customer at Jeff's Vintage Hill nursery, convince him to participate in the barn quilt tour. Jeff said he chose "Shadow Star" because it was a little different and he thought the colors would look good on the barn. He noted that some of the colors can be seen on the trim on his buildings.

11. Wedding Bouquet

Robert & Marilyn Young
Sunny Slope Farm
5381 HWY 240
Rocheport



Bob and Marilyn's daughters wanted something special to commemorate Bob's 80th birthday and the couple's 60th wedding anniversary. They surprised them with this block named "Wedding Bouquet." It is painted in Marilyn's favorite color, Williamsburg blue.

12. Olympia

Dale and Karen Johnson
2683 Highway 5 & 240
Glasgow



Dale said that he and his wife decided to put a barn block on their barn after their daughter had one placed on her property. "There's a lot more interest in them than I thought there was," Dale said. They selected "Olympia" simply because they liked the pattern. "We looked through the book and it just stood out in our minds that it was the one we wanted."

13. Farmer's Daughter

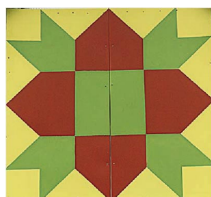
John and Kim Thompson
279 County Rd 342
Franklin



Kim selected the pattern as it is one of her favorite old-fashioned patterns. She wanted the red, white and blue colors to contrast with the gray on their barn.

14. Weathervane (Located in Chariton Co.)

Ron & Sharon Hutchison
30909 Hwy 129
Salisbury



The Hutchisons chose the "Weathervane" pattern for the gable-style barn (circa 1900-1910) in honor of Sharon's mother, Rachel Morris Whitesitt, as it is a pattern she made for one of the grandchildren. "Gran was a weather watcher all her life as so many farmers are so this quilt pattern seemed appropriate," Sharon explained.