

PA Grange Heritage Quilt Trail

PA Grange is creating Quilt Trails as community attractions and as ways to enhance our Grange community pride. Quilts have long been a beloved symbol of comfort and family and developing a Grange Heritage Quilt Trail will honor and preserve our rural heritage.

Mission Statement:

The mission of the PA Grange Heritage Quilt Trail is to celebrate and promote the culture, heritage and viability of the PA State Grange by placing quilt blocks on Grange Halls and other suitable buildings throughout the state.

The origin of the Quilt Block projects began in 2001 in Ohio where quilt blocks were painted on barns to entice visitors to visit the rural agriculture areas and increase tourism.

Vibrant Quilt Block patterns will be painted on pre-built 8'x 8' wooden squares and hung on the exterior of a Grange Hall or other suitable community building. Grange members along with community volunteers are encouraged to select and paint their own quilt block as a group project. The pattern that is chosen may represent talents of the specific community, a favorite family block or a new design. Selected colors will be primary or secondary colors which are bright and bold. Selected patterns should contain only straight lines and should have a 4" border the entire way around. The cost of a completed quilt block is \$200 to \$250.

The PA Grange Heritage Quilt Blocks will be listed on the PA Grange website and eventually will develop into regional Quilt Trails for the viewing public.

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Quilt Block Guidelines:

1. Blocks shall be 8' x 8', unless otherwise specified (4' x 4' blocks may be placed in areas where the larger blocks will not fit or may be free-standing)
2. Block pattern shall contain only straight lines and shall have a 4" painted border the entire way around.
3. Blocks shall be constructed of 2 pieces of 4' x 8' signboard reinforced with 2" x 4" bracing on the back. No blocks shall be directly painted on the Grange Hall or community buildings.
4. Paint shall be of good quality exterior semi-gloss house paint. Colors shall be primary or secondary colors which are bright and bold. Two coats of primer shall be applied prior to drawing on design. Then two coats of design paint.
5. Blocks shall be placed on Grange Halls or other appropriate community buildings which are visible from major highways or secondary roads.

Criteria for choosing the site:

1. Block should be highly visible from the road from a distance (not on a curve or on the side of the building directly facing the road which would cause traffic to slow down and create a driving hazard).
2. Site should have a pull off area when possible to allow for photos.
3. The building the quilt block is on shall be in good repair and the surrounding grounds shall be well maintained.

Bill of Materials (approximate cost)

- 2 – 4' x 8' pieces of outdoor sign board (\$80.)
- 6 – 2"x 4" x 8' pine boards (\$15)
- 8 lag bolts or hardware to attach to building (\$5)
- Paint: white primer plus design colors (\$100)