

South Bruce BARN QUILT Tour

ABOUT

The South Bruce Barn Quilt Tour is made up of businesses, farms and families in the Municipality of South Bruce who have put together four and eight-foot square painted boards replicating fabric quilt blocks. Typically installed on barns or posts, they add a colourful feature to a rural countryside. Each quilt has a story allowing visitors to be self guided through the heritage and landscape of the area as they travel site to site viewing these pieces of art.

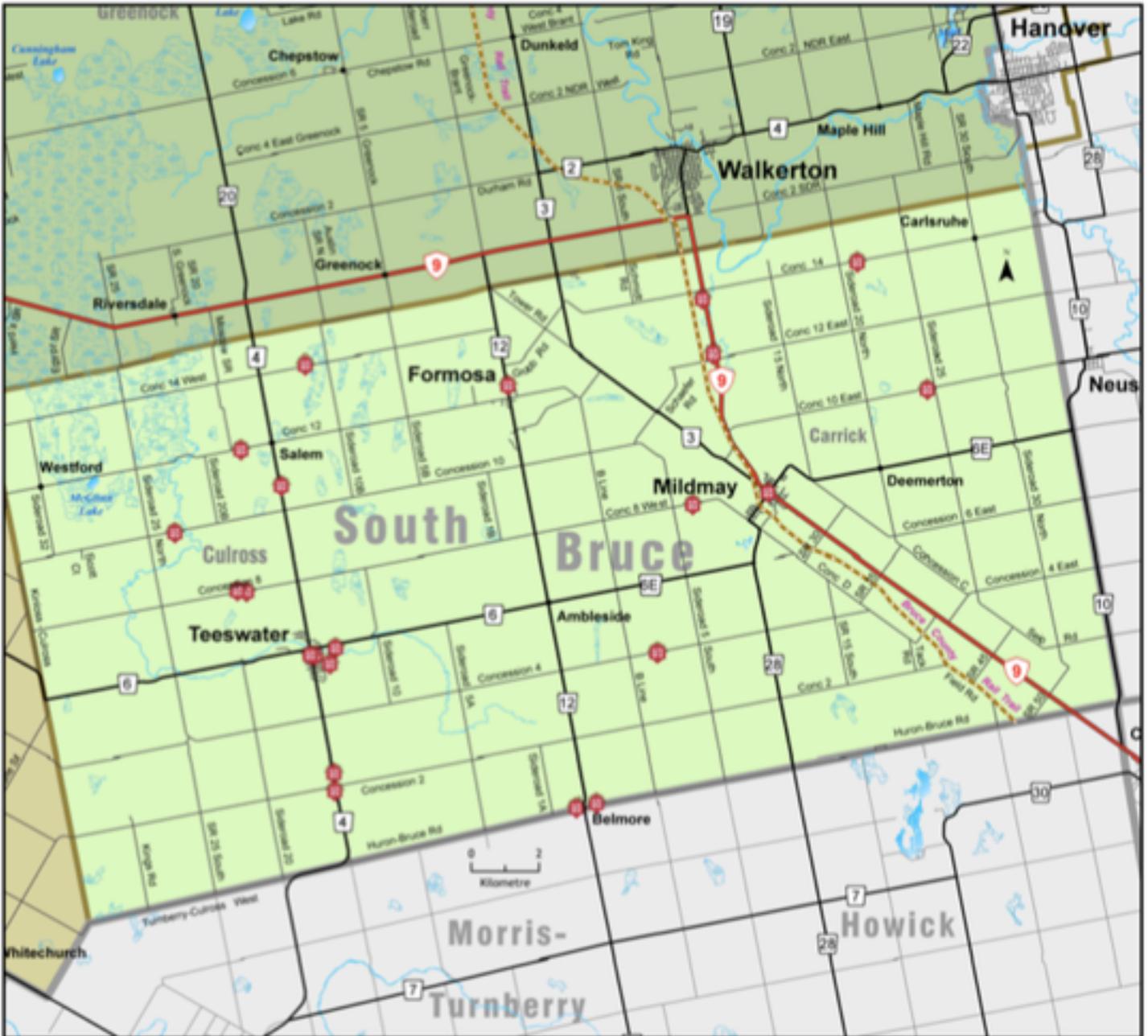
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PARTICIPANTS



1. Jamie and Marcie Gowland - 574 Conc. 14 W, Walkerton



Stepping Stones is the design of our quilt. We liked the simplicity on the square. The colours signify Marcie's Dutch heritage while still being bold against the black background of the barn.

2. Jamie Armstrong-

The Armstrong family emigrated from Scotland to Canada in the 1860's. They settled in Culross Township and their descendants continue to work and live here.

3. Bob and Bev Colvin- 4766 Bruce Rd 4 Teeswater



The Colvin Family have been avid horseman for generations and have made this the centre of their design. The Celtic Chain symbolizes their Irish heritage. There is one Maple Leaf for each of the seven generations since the homesteading of this farm in

1863. The colour of the leaves comes from the Racing Silks worn by Bob during his career in Standardbred Racing.

4. Doug Wall- 3 Wall St., Teeswater



Barn quilt design was chosen by Doug Wall and Julie Collins completed it. The red and white colours compliments Canada Day.

5. Anja and Henry Van Der Vlies- 1647 Conc. 4, Teeswater



At the top a cross: God is Love! Our wedding text from John:4. Both Henry and Anja were born in Holland and have their family roots there. Their children Kirsten, Erik, Symen and Remco were born in Canada and have their roots here. Milking goats is our main farming activity. The blues used are inspired by the Delft Blue, a famous Dutch colour scheme.

6. Yoka and Don Scott- 1423 Bruce Rd. 6, Teeswater



Our quilt is an 8'x8' on point. It features four different coloured maple leaves. Our farm name is "Grand Maple Farm". Each leaf represents one of our four boys. The capital "S" stands for our name and Scottish heritage.

7. Else and Gerald Shuler- 10 Riverview Terrace, Teeswater



We have admired barn quilts in various communities so felt we would participate with our local barn quilt tour project. We retired from farming some 15 years ago so not having a barn to mount it on we chose to mount a 4x4 block on the lawn of our new property. I have enjoyed fabric and the assembling of quilts for some time so when I had to choose a pattern I thought of our social

and relaxation time with friends playing cards. Having made the quilt block called "card tricks" it just seemed right to use that pattern with my favourite colour purple, which is also the colour for our local reunion.

8. Boomer's Cosy Nook Restaurant- 14 Clinton St., Teeswater



All corners lead to Boomer's in Teeswater a long time family owned restaurant since 1975 so I chose this star.

9. Sharon and James McDonald- 896 Conc. 8, Teeswater

The quilt is a continuation from quilt at 869 Concession 8. The "McD" for the McDonalds - the tartan to represent the Scottish heritage and the maple leaf for Canada.

10. Greg McDonald- 869 Conc. 8, Teeswater

John McDonald obtained the farm from crown land in 1869. McDonald came from Ross-Shire Scotland. Quilt shows Scottish roots with scotch thistle and Celtic knots in corners to Canadian Maple Leaf on top with barn on bottom as Canadian farming roots.

11. Mark Grubb- 1371 Bruce Road 12, Mildmay



My quilt represents my love of everything farming and John Deere. I have been farming since I was young and have been on my current farm for many years.

I have just recently retired from my Grubb family's dairy business (represented by the G in the middle of my quilt) and am big into cash crops now which is represented on the 4 corners.

I also have a love of woodworking from my years working at Bogdon & Gross.

I am very proud to be a South Bruce resident and a very proud John Deere farmer!

12. Tiffin's Funeral Home- 4 Clinton St., Teeswater



Our quilt name is Past, Present and Future. The quilt pattern is called "flying geese" and was chosen because of its representation of continuous movement, as we are always moving through stages of life. The horse drawn hearse honours the history of funeral service in Teeswater, which dates back to 1889. The cross represents the community's deep faith. The poppy is tribute of remembrance and gratitude. The tree is a reminder of the strength of family roots and the renewal of life. The heart is a symbols of peace and love found in family and friends.

13. Ron Doerr- 993 Conc. 12, Formosa



Twisted Star

14. Sharon Strucke- 736 Conc. 12,



I picked a family tree template for my barn quilt. I love family history! The tree is in memory of my mom and her family that originally owned the farm. Our family is like branches of a tree, we may grow in different directions, yet our roots remain as one. My tree represents the farm that has been in the family for almost 100 years. Many thanks to my dad for making the frame for on the fence!

15. Hilda and Murray Wales- 3855 Bruce Rd. 4, Formosa



We picked this Barn Quilt Pattern because it represents the things in our lives that join us together forming a rough circle but all things are coming together over the years. The green stands for 4-H and growth. Purple is for our involvement in Loins International. Red is for the love of people - local and international - exchange students, foster children, and our families. Blue represents our faith in Christ. Yellow is for freshness and positivity. "The Binding Chain".

16. Cathy and Bill Kirk- Essentially Lavender - 1379 Conc. 10, Formosa



The quilt block incorporates the Essentially Lavender logo, the company colours (lavender, green, and white) and a bouquet of lavender to reflect the current use of the farm. There is a silhouette of a horse (horse farm 2005-2012) and an elk (elf farm 1998-2005) to reflect some previous uses of this picturesque farm.

17. John and Jean Culliton- 5 Elizabeth St., Teeswater



I have always admired quilts, old and new, and when I heard for barn quilts, I knew it was something I wanted to be involved in. Another business owner and myself decided we wanted a barn quilt trail in our municipality and after many, many months here it is! Enjoy the many beautiful quilts on business fronts, houses and barns.

18. South Bruce Flooring- 1563 ON-9, Mildmay



South Bruce Flooring was established in 2004. We manufacture solid hardwood flooring from locally grown woodlots that we have harvested. The maple leaf is our logo symbolizing our Canadian woods and our Canadian pride. The various colours represent the natural wood to the many stains of floor we can provide.

19. Bernie McGlynn Lumber- 1563 ON-9, Mildmay



Bernie McGlynn Lumber is a family owner and operated business established in 1983. Bernie, the eldest of 9 siblings, took over the small business his Dad, Jerry, had begun located outside of Wingham. In 1999, we purchased and expanded to our current location outside of Mildmay. Bernie, Doreen, and their children, Sherena, Lucas, and Sheldon all work in the business.

The hardwood logs on the quilt block show the logs we harvest from locally managed woodlots. The large circular saw is used to saw the logs into lumber in our sawmill. After it is sawn, the lumber is placed in the kilns to dry. We then manufacture it into solid and engineered hardwood flooring, moulding, trim and stairs components.

In 2004, we opened our South Bruce Flooring Showroom and Retail Store at this location, allowing contractors and consumers to purchase solid wood building materials. We are also a wholesaler for our Green Lumber. Bernie McGlynn Lumber has come full circle from renewable natural resources to finished products in one's home. Our bi-products, wood chips, bark mulch and sawdust, are used and sold to consumers.

20. Teeswater Agriculture Society- 64 Gordon St., Teeswater



Several thought were considered before our artist came up with the final layout. Teeswater Agriculture Society, namely the Teeswater Fair was established in 1855. Our quilt depicts the many events of our three day family fun filled fair: 4-H sponsorship, Beef Show, Truck Pulls, First Prize entries and Pie/Cake auction. The tire treads on the sides of the quilt represent our many track features: Demolition Derby, Truck/Tractor Pulls, Truck Drags, Human Truck Pull, Antique Car Parade, and our famous Team Farmall Square Dancing Tractors. The Teeswater Fair could not have succeeded without the many volunteers that help

year after year. So bring on the "sunshine" and come visit out fair the 4th weekend of August.

21. Hoity Toity Cellars- 1723 ON-9, Mildmay



Our quilt block is called Apple Cider, celebrating our long history of cider-making in the South Bruce area. The block is coloured using apple red and green as well as our Hoity Toity blue. The pattern is taken from an apple cider scrap quilt.

22. Kathy and Jack Weber- 539 Conc. 14 (Carrick), Hanover



We have lived here for the past 30 years. We raised our five children who have all married and blessed us with 13 grandchildren. I have been a quilter for years and made a quilt for each of my children when they were married. Also, a baby quilt for all the grandchildren. The 8x8 barn quilt block named "Maple Magic" hangs on the North side of Jack and Cathy Weber's barn in Carrick Township. The quilt has the fall colours and the maple leaves represent the hard maples in our 10 acre bush. Starting a

hobby with a few tapped trees has grown into 1000 taps. In the spring sweet maple syrup is produced. We raise Clydesdale horses. In the winter we give sleigh rides on the bush trails.

23. Shirley and Lloyd Kuntz- 1270 Bruce Rd. 12, Formosa



Kuntz's Square of Friends. We have a family of 4 children and 5 grandchildren. In 1991, we bought our first Waygu semen and began breeding for Waygu cattle, being the first breeder in Ontario. Over the years we have been to many Waygu conventions and farms in the USA. We have met lots of very interesting people from all over the world. People from Canada, United States, Australia, Europe, Japan, and South America have all come to see our herd of Waygu cattle and shared our knowledge of their great cattle. The way the two squares interlock around the "K" reminds us of the circle of friends and that how fortunate we are to know so many other Waygu people.

24. Frances and Bea Schaefer- 1564 Huron Bruce Rd, Wroxeter



We chose the Canadian Flag because we are proud Canadians, We chose the Maple Leaf because it is a Canadian emblem and the 25 acres of forest on our farm is predominantly maple trees. The corn signifies that we grow crops to feed people and it is what we have been doing for 50 years. The "S" stands for our surname, Schaefer which is of German origin. The Massey-Harris tractor stands for our collection of 45 antique tractors and numerous pieces of Massey-Harris machinery.

25. Karen and Steve Ruetz- 637 Conc. 4, Mildmay



On the main barn is the Canadian flag and over it the Dutch Girl Block. My father always told me that his family emigrated from Pennsylvania, USA. While researching our Ruetz family name, I found out Pennsylvania Dutch, also referred to as the Deutsch, are a cultural group formed by early German speaking to Pennsylvania and their descendants. The word "Dutch" does not refer to the Dutch people or Dutch language, but to the German settlers known as Deutsch and Deitsch. All these years I thought I had Dutch descendants but they were German. No wonder I liked the Mildmay community and wanted to be part of it!

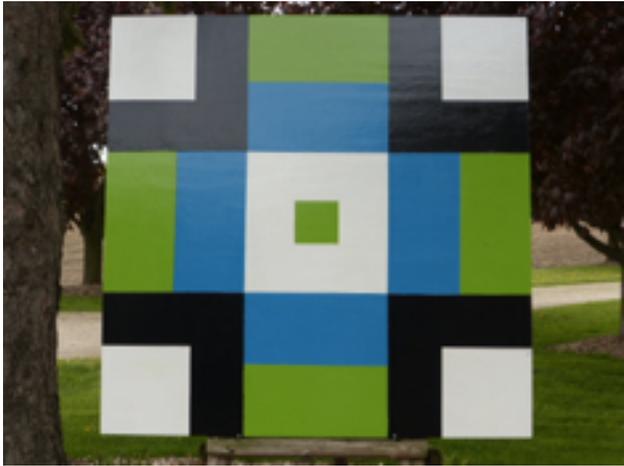
The second block on the small shed is a variation of a "Tulip Garden" pattern I found in a quilting book that would use the same colours I was using in the "Dutch Girl" block.

26. Mildmay Freshmart- 1024 ON-9, Mildmay



Our quilt is called "Community Star Quilt" which owner Gail Fullerton designed and painted to put at the entrance of Mildmay Freshmart. We believe the grocery store is an important part of the community and, the intertwined frames of the design represent our grocery store and the community of Mildmay. The centre star represents our valuable and loyal customers who know the value of shopping local and supporting out small independent, family-owned grocery store.

27. Cheryl Russworm- 399 Conc. 10 E, South Bruce



I have admired barn quilts since I first saw them as a fund raiser for the IPM held in my home County of Simcoe in 2014. When I saw that South Bruce Tourism wanted to do a Barn/Business Quilt Trail, it was the motivation I needed to make it happen. As a quilter I appreciate the time and effort that goes into quilts and once you start the process you have to be content with the colour and the design. I decided to do two 4 x 4 ft barn quilts that would represent the blocks in the quilts I had recently made for our daughter's and son's weddings. One ceremony took place at our home farm in 2018 and the other adjacent to the shed where the quilts are hung in 2019.

As I mulled over the outlines I had for my two blocks and the information on the internet, I realized that modifications would be needed in size and colour to ensure the impact would be seen. I even changed colours 3 times prior to the final painting! The block on the left is a slight modification of the "Square Dance" quilt pattern that was utilized for our son's quilt. It was done with black as it appears on the barn quilt and various shades of grey. It had a nine patch block in the middle with a red centre in the middle.

The block on the right is the main block from the "Picnic Day" pattern I used for our daughter's quilt. She wanted something with 'stars' and the star on this barn quilt was much easier to construct than making 36 stars with fabric. Her quilt has a white background with various shades of blue stars and squares.

This shed used to have orange doors with little white horses painted on them. So the transition to grey with the barn quilts of black, white, green lemon and fubby fuzz is quite a change. Why these colours? Because I always love black and white quilts with a pop of colour!

28. Patti Gutscher- 1031 Conc. 12, Formosa



Brian and Patti grew up in the country, so wanting the same for their children (Christopher, Daryl, Breanne, and Bethany) they purchased their 100 acre farm 29 years ago. Over the years when their children were growing up they raised laying hens, bunnies, sheep, and beef cattle. They grew their grain and grass for

feed. They raise their 4 children and have 11 grandchildren that enjoy the farm. Today they have downsized their farming operation to include some beef cow/calf and they do some crop share. The Gutscher's barn quilt is installed on the front of their bank barn. The barn is over 100 years old made of stone foundations, wood timber frame and steel roof. It is used for housing cattle and feed storage. In 2012 their youngest daughter was married in the barn.

Driving through the countryside Brian and Patti loved looking at the quilts that were displayed on barns and other buildings, thus deciding to do one of their own and participate in the South Bruce Barn Quilt Tour.

A start for the pattern was chosen with the letter G displayed in the centre to represent the family name. The showy teal colour which is a favourite was used with gray, black and white accent colours. In making their quilt personal, symbols were chosen to represent the Gutscher's passions. Brian chose a hammer for carpentry and farming operations. Patti chose symbols to represent her love of hummingbirds that are plentiful at their farm and a flower to represent that she is an avid gardener, loving to work outside in her flower gardens.

They are very excited and proud of their barn quilt and wish to thank Cheryl from Gardiners Gate for taking their vision and designing their beautiful barn quilt for them.

29. Harleys Pub and Perk- 87 Elora St., Mildmay



The tree of life represents that continues growth of my business and family. The 5 roots represent my parents and siblings. The 3 hearts are for my three daughters, Charlie, Rylie, and Ellie. The owl is for my supportive "Wise" husband. The colours are blue and yellow which are the colours of the Schmalz Coat of Arms. In 1919 the Schmalz family purchased the Commercial Hotel which is now the home of Harleys Pub and Perk. This year we are celebrating the business being owned by the Schmalz Family for 100 years!

30. Darlene and Ron Gibson- 1624 Huron Bruce Rd., Wroxeter



I am a big fan of quilting and enjoy making quilts for our family. After seeing barn quilts around the country side, my husband and I decided to purchase one There was a display at the Belmore Maple Syrup Festival this year, called Barn Quilt Creation and everything went from there. I met with Jim and Bonnie Dopfer and we decided on size, colour, shape and letter. The colours in our quilt are some from our Scottish Tartan. The star in the middle is used in many quilt patterns, then we decided to have it painted on a 8x8 piece of aluminum. Inside the start we put the letter "G" from our last name. Coming up with a border was not an easy task, but Bonnie and I put our heads together and decided on a criss-cross affect, then bring a small star down to each corner accented with black trim. We are very proud to display our quilt on the Huron Bruce side of our barn. We would recommend Barn Quilt Creations of Palmerston to anyone, they do an amazing job. With the Teeswater Old Boy's and our one sone is getting married this August, our family hopes everyone will enjoy viewing our quilt.