



## Expression of Interest Simcoe County Barn Quilt Trail Community Heritage Project

The County of Simcoe invites **volunteer** painters, artists, community groups, schools and other interested groups to submit an application to participate in an exciting community heritage project called the Simcoe County Barn Quilt Trail. This initiative will highlight our beautiful farms and landscape to tourists as well as to celebrate Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Confederation. Simcoe County, in partnership with Simcoe County Federation of Agriculture and five Cultural Organizations will install 8'x8' replica painted quilt squares onto barns creating trails wandering through the County. This community project will be maintained for a minimum of 5 years.

This is your opportunity to leave your mark on the County. No experience necessary. Artists and interested Community Groups will be partnered with barn owners or host. 10 quilt square patterns are available for selection. All materials, supplies, paint, boards and product will be provided to the participants as well as a location to paint your quilt block.

Our goal is to have 150 quilts on 150 barns, county wide in the next 2 years.

Barn Quilt Murals started in Ohio in 1989 and have continued across the United States and Canada. Ontario currently has several trails and now Simcoe County which will stretch from Bradford/West Gwillimbury to Collingwood to Ramara and all parts in between.

This is a volunteer opportunity and no remuneration will be provided. All participants will be credited through various multimedia channels.

### How to Enter:

Visit our website: [experience.simcoe.ca/Pages/Simcoe-County-Barn-Quilt-Trail.aspx](http://experience.simcoe.ca/Pages/Simcoe-County-Barn-Quilt-Trail.aspx)  
or:

- Complete Entry Form
- Submit Entry Form to: Project Coordinator, Ruth Hurdle at: [ruthpaints@rogers.com](mailto:ruthpaints@rogers.com) with Subject line: Barn Quilt Mural Project Expression of Interest

**Timing:** Participants will be notified when we have a barn owner to partner you with.

**Questions:** Please contact Ruth Hurdle at [ruthpaints@rogers.com](mailto:ruthpaints@rogers.com) or (705) 549-2228





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## ENTRY FORM

(Print Please)

Name/Community Group Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Town/Township: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Are You:**

- Individual
- Group
- Family
- Barn Owner

A Cultural Institution will be assigned to you depending on your location and the location of the barn. Do you have a preference as to which Cultural Institution you work with? If so, please select one of the following:

- Simcoe County Museum (Midhurst)
- Orillia Museum of Art and History (Orillia)
- Quest Art School + Gallery (Midland)
- Blue Mountain Foundation of the Arts (Collingwood)
- Gibson Centre (Alliston)

**Design:**

- We/I will paint the design selected by the barn owner
- We/I would like to help design
- We/I would like to design an original quilt square
- I accept that the County of Simcoe and partners are not liable for any injuries that occur as a result of participating in this project.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

