



## *Barn Quilts of Kankakee County...*

celebrates rural heritage and promote the arts, agritourism and volunteerism. Historic quilt patterns are painted on 8' square construction material and attached to the barns.

This project is supported by University of Illinois Extension, Kankakee County; Kankakee County Convention and Visitors Bureau; and Kankakee Quiltmakers.

To participate in this project, the barn must be 50 years old, structurally sound, and on a well maintained farm. Barns must be visible from a paved road with a safe pull-off for viewing and photography. Owners can nominate historic structures to be adorned with the quilts and will select from over 40 quilt patterns. Ten barns were adorned in 2008. Visit University of Illinois Extension, Kankakee County's website at: [kankakee.extension.uiuc.edu](http://kankakee.extension.uiuc.edu) to see the 2008 Barn Quilts of Kankakee County. The goal is to have 10 or more additional barns adorned by summer 2009. The cost to adorn your barn with a quilt block is \$400. This includes design, materials, production and professional placement on the barn. Barn owners are expected to provide or raise through donations, the necessary \$400 required to participate.

A grant received by the Kankakee County Convention and Visitors Bureau will allow distribution of a regional brochure with a map and interesting information about the history of the barns, farms and the displayed quilt patterns. To be included in this professional marketing piece, all forms, photos and payment must be received by University of Illinois Extension, Kankakee County, 1650 Commerce Drive, Bourbonnais, IL by **March 15, 2009**. Applications will continue to be accepted through April 30, 2009 and all barns accepted will be promoted through University of Illinois Extension, Kankakee County's website and additional media.

Applications are available by calling University of Illinois Extension, Kankakee County office at 815-933-8337 or can be printed from our website at: [kankakee.extension.uiuc.edu](http://kankakee.extension.uiuc.edu). Upon receipt of completed application, required forms, photos and payment, barn owners will be notified of acceptance.

Please consider nominating your barn and/or making a monetary donation to help us achieve our goal for 2009.