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### NEW BARN QUILT UNVEILED IN BATH

**Bath Township, Ohio** - A beautiful new barn quilt square is the latest enhancement to the Heritage Barns of Bath Trail. The installation was officially unveiled on October 4, 2024 at the Western Reserve Playhouse on Everett Road. The dedication was conducted by James McClellan, Chairman of the Discover Bath Barns committee and August Scarpelli, Artist Director of the Western Reserve Playhouse. The ceremony proceeded opening night performance of WRPB's current production, "Death of a Salesman."

Discover Bath Barns held a quilt square design competition in partnership with the Western Reserve Playhouse. The winning design was selected by local quilt and history experts, as well as representatives from DBB and WRPB. The winning design, "Sun of Bath," was created by local artist and quilter Laura Blanche. Laura's creative inspiration was the Bath Township logo which incorporates a blazing sun icon. The design was transferred to an 8x8' board and skillfully painted by Walt Kaminsky, local artist, craftsman and dedicated volunteer for the Western Reserve Playhouse as a set designer and builder.

Barn quilt artistry is a talent that runs deep in Laura's family. Her mother, Libby Bauman, is the artist who painted the barn quilt hanging on the tool barn at the Bath Township Historical Society on Bath Road, which was unveiled this summer.

Both barns are included on the Heritage Barns of Bath Trail. Maps and details on all the barns included on the 19-mile trail can be found on the township's website ([bathtownship.org](http://bathtownship.org)), at the Heritage Corridors of Bath Wayside Exhibit on Cleveland Massillon Road, or by scanning the QR code on the signs in front of each of the barns on the trail.

#### About Discover Bath Barns

In 2023, Discover Bath Barns was established by the Bath Township Trustees, through the Heritage Corridors of Bath, to sustain a focus on the Barns of Bath Township, Summit County, Ohio to preserve and enhance these structures for the benefit of the community.

The Discover Bath Barns initiative has two main goals. First, to aid willing barn owners in the preservation of the history of their Heritage Barn, in conjunction with Bath Township Historical Society and Museum. The second, to enhance the experience of visitors as they travel the scenic byways of Bath. This also includes a pathway for Heritage Barn owners to enhance their barns through the addition of barn art and barn quilts to the exterior.

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