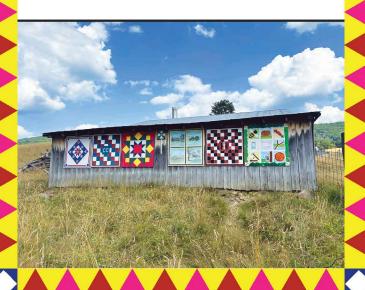


THE **HIGHLAND COUNTY BARN QUILT TRAIL**

Discover 80 unique and colorful wooden quilt blocks and their stories on Virginia's first barn quilt trail!



CAN YOU SPOT THEM ALL?

Travel Highland County, Virginia's beautiful mountain roads for a self-guided tour of its barn quilt trail. Discover the locations and unique stories behind these colorful works of art!

Helpful tips!

Highland County lacks cell phone coverage in many places, and GPS can often point you the wrong way, so plan accordingly. Binoculars are highly recommended for viewing barn quilts that may be farther off the road. Please respect private property, obey all traffic laws, and be cautious on winding country roads. Please keep in mind that some barn quilts are easier to spot than others and summer foliage may block full views of the barn quilts. Do not be surprised to see that some of the barn quilts are faded and chipped, with some being weathered for over 10 years. Creators appreciate the durability of modern paint products but must allow for a "gracious patina" to develop over time. At the time of printing, all listed barn quilts were visible, so keep searching! All the barn quilts on this trail are at least 3' x 3'. You'll likely even spot smaller barn quilts and others that are not on this list. Happy trails!



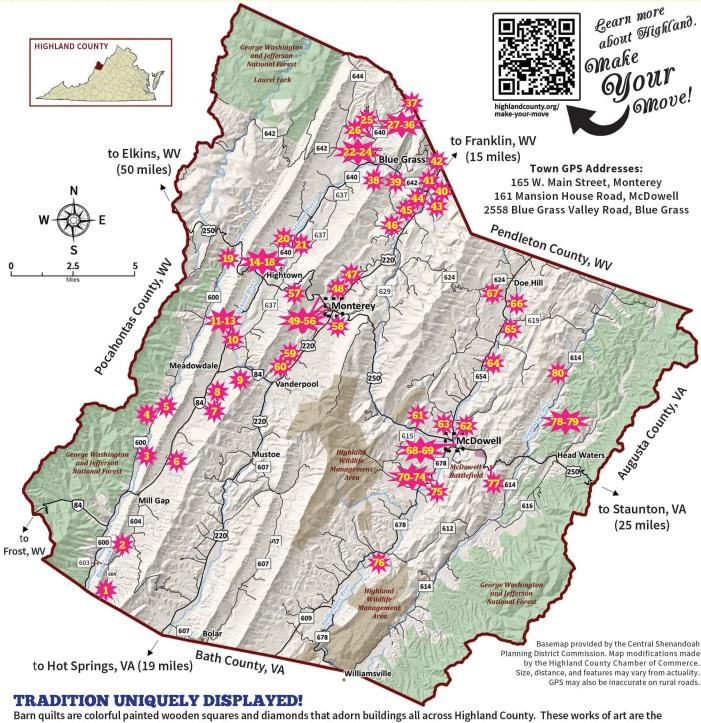
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merger of traditional roles on the farm, blending the customs of quilting bees together with outdoor barn work into a beautiful combination. Barn quilt trails have sprung up since the 2000s, having begun in Adams County, Ohio. The Highland County Barn Quilt Trail is the first in Virginia and has been highlighted in the book, "Following the Barn Quilt Trail", by Suzi Parron, the authority on the subject. Highland's trail began in 2011 when Carolyn Pohowsky, the Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, saw several barn quilts that local artist Margie Boesch had painted. Recognizing the importance of highlighting our rural heritage, the significance of the local barns, and the stories of the people who live here, Carolyn put together a brochure that contained 13 barn quilts. Since then, the trail has grown! Enjoy a leisurely country ride to find them all!

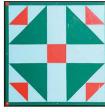


1. Five Reds

Located at 1240 Little Egypt Rd. (Rt. 604), 1.2 miles south of Valley Center Rd. (Rt. 604) on a gravel road This barn quilt received its name because there are five redheads in the family. The farm is also named "Five Reds." Barn quilt by Margie Boesch, 2014



2028 Valley Center Rd. (west side of Rt. 604), 2 miles south of Rt. 84 intersection "Birds in the Air" is a traditional pattern. Its triangles represent birds flying home, and it was chosen to honor George Bird. Barn quilt by Margie Boesch, 2011



3. Blazing Star

Located at 9581 Upper Back Creek Rd. (east side of Rt. 600), 2.1 miles north of the intersection with Rt. 84 "Blazing Star" is a traditional pattern, and this quilt was a Valentine's gift. Barn quilt by Margie Boesch, 2011



Located at 8056 Upper Back Creek Rd. (west side of Rt. 600), 3.7 miles north of the intersection with Rt. 84 The barn quilt reminds the owners of their family saying about the wisps of fog rising from the mountain hollows: "The foxes must be making tea." Barn quilt by Madge Hall Vosteen, 2024



5. Back Creek Farms

Located at 7781 Upper Back Creek Rd. (east side of Rt. 600), 3.8 miles north of the intersection with Rt. 84 Barn quilt designed by Christina Kerns, painted by Margie Boesch, and maple leaf painted by Pat and Valerie Lowry, 2012

6. Diamond in the Rough

Located at 6423 Mill Gap Rd. (eastern side side of Rt. 84) This barn quilt is made from a recycled antique inlaid wooden card table. The design mimics the pattern of the inlaid top of the table. The owner and her students helped start the recycling



program in Highland County. Barn quilt by Marty Leech, 2024

Located at 42 Dove Lane (southeast side of Rt. 84) 'Tree of Paradise" is a variation of a traditional pattern, and it has Biblical significance important to the owners. Barn quilt by Margie Boesch, 2011

7. Tree of Paradise



8. Ethiopian Cross

Located at 3607 Mill Gap Rd. (southeast side of Rt. 84 next to Dove Lane) The owners have a close relationship with SW Ethiopians, and inspiration came from Ethiopian embroidery. Barn quilt inspired by Mary Lou Cox and designed and painted by Margie Boesch, 2017

9. Boyer Hill

Located at a home on the hill at 1823 Mill Gap Rd. (southeast side of Rt. 84) at the top peak over the detached garage. Please do not drive up the private lane for a closer view. Barn quilt designed by Somers Stephenson and painted by Margie Boesch, 2019



10. Turkey Tracks

Located on the east side of Meadowdale Rd. (Rt. 640), 1.2 miles from the intersection with Rt. 84 Margie's husband Mike looks for wildlife on the farm, hence this traditional pattern. Barn quilt by Margie Boesch, 2015

11. Autumn Splendor

Located at 2806 Meadowdale Rd. (west side of Rt. 640), 1.6 miles from the intersection with Rt. 84 Adorned at Margie Boesch's Highland Barn Quilts Studio, this design came about as Margie was looking at an unusual maple leaf. Maple syrup used to be made in the current studio, and



sugar maple trees still reside nearby. The old "Maple Leaf" design was replaced in 2020 with "Autumn Splendor", a loving tribute to the maple trees that provide shade, syrup, and beauty to the land in Highland County. Barn quilt by Margie Boesch, 2017

12. True North

Located at 2806 Meadowdale Rd. west side of Rt. 640), 1.6 miles from the intersection with Rt. 84 For navigators at sea, one of the most important things to find is your true direction. The owners believe this is important in life, too. Barn quilt by Margie Boesch, 2024

13. Virginia Star

Located on the west side of Meadowdale Rd. (Rt. 640), 1.6 miles from the intersection with Rt. 84 The title is very appropriate for an old Highland hay barn. Barn quilt by Margie Boesch, 2023



14. Jacob's Ladder

Located at 5573 Mountain Turnpike (north side of Rt. 250), 0.1 miles west of the intersection with Rt. 640 This pattern was chosen in honor of the late Jacob Hevener, owner of Dividing Waters Farm, a Hightown landmark. The

traditional pattern refers to Jacob in the Bible who dreamed of angels ascending and descending on a ladder to heaven in Genesis 28. Barn quilt by Margie Boesch, 2011



15. Clay's Choice

Located at 5948 Mountain Turnpike (north side of Rt. 250), 0.3 miles west of the intersection with Rt. 640 "Clay's Choice" is a historical pattern, also known as "Henry's Star" and "Star of the West". Women in the 1800s often wove stories of unrest into their quilt

patterns. In 1832, in an effort to maintain the unity of the United States, Henry Clay offered a compromise bill to soothe both sections. Rather than any political statement, the previous owners chose the pattern for one of their I Barn quilt by Margie Boesch, 2011

16. Virginia Reel

Located at 6054 Mountain Turnpike (north side of Rt. 250), 0.5 miles west of the intersection with Rt. 640 The owner, Carolyn, says "Virginia Reel" is one of her favorite quilt patterns, and she has made many quilts using it. Barn quilt by Margie Boesch, 2011



17. Bohdi Bee

Located on the north side of Mountain Turnpike (Rt. 250), 0.6 miles west of the intersection with Rt. 640 This honey bee pattern is on a bee house protecting hives from predators. Summer leaves may block full visibility. Barn quilt by Margie Boesch, 2015



Located on the north side of Mountain Turnpike (Rt. 250), 1 mile west of the intersection with Rt. 640 Barn quilt by Margie Boesch, 2011



19. Back Creek Sunflower

Located at 535 Upper Back Creek Rd. (Rt. 600), .5 miles south of Rt. 250 This barn quilt was a Christmas gift from the family to their mother in 2021, designed by daughter Julia Budzinski for her mother's love of sunflowers. Barn quilt by Margie Boesch, 2022

20. California Poppy

Located at 8668 Blue Grass Valley Rd. (west side of Rt. 640), 1 mile north of Rt. 250 This barn quilt at South Branch Farm represents the transplanted family of Jim and Vanessa Hevener who live in California but whose roots have grown deep in Highland County soil for 10 generations. Barn quilt by Margie Boesch, 2021



21. American Eagle

Located on the east side of 8575 Blue Grass Valley Rd. (Rt. 640), 1.2 miles north of the intersection with Rt. 250 High Haven Farm was home to the owner's parents for over 30 years, and she wanted to pay tribute to her late father, who was very patriotic and loved everything American,

particularly the iconic bald eagle. Barn quilt by Margie Boesch, 2014

22. Faith and Family

Located at 3132 Blue Grass Valley Rd. (west side of Rt. 640), .5 miles west of Blue Grass The central white areas showcase a Christian cross, and the "bodies" of the individual family members represent traditional maple leaf patterns as a tribute to Highland County. Barn quilt by Chris Swecker, 2024



23. The Cardinal

Located at 2862 Blue Grass Valley Rd. (west side of Rt. 640), .3 miles west of Blue Grass The owner is from North Carolina, where the cardinal is the state bird. She then married a man from Virginia, which has the same state bird. Two became one. Barn quilt by Krista Miller

24. Blue Grass Ruritan Star Located on the northwest side of Blue Grass Valley Rd. (Rt. 640) at the Blue Grass Ruritan Club's pavilion behind

their building, just southwest of the intersection with Wimer Mountain Rd. Barn quilt by Margie Boesch, 2014



25. UVA

Located at 204 Hardscrabble Rd. just west of the intersection with Wimer Mountain Rd. The property owner is a big fan of the University of Virginia, and this barn quilt was a gift from her granddaughter-in-law. Barn quilt by Courtney Ralston

26. Ralston Rustics

Located at 422 Hardscrabble Rd. just west of the intersection with Wimer Mountain Rd. This was the creator's first barn quilt, and it was gifted in honor of her mother-in-law's love of sheep and chickens, painted with the colors of America's red, white, and blue. Barn quilt by Courtney Ralston







27. Primitive Star

Located on the east side of Rt. 640 at 1586 Wimer Mountain Rd., 1.6 miles north of the Blue Grass intersection with Blue Grass Valley Rd. Barn quilt by Margie Boesch, 2022

The next 9 barn quilts are located on the same barn on the east side of Rt. 640 at 1782 Wimer Mountain Rd., 1.8 miles north of the Blue Grass intersection with Blue Grass Valley Rd. This location holds the record for most barn quilts on a

single barn on The Highland County Barn Quilt Trail! The owner, Conley Colaw, used to make maple syrup in the barn. Barn quilts made by family and friends showcase scenes in memory of Faye Colaw and in honor of Conley.



28. Pigs in a Blanket



30. Sights and Wonders 31. International Barn quilt by Kathleen, Julie,



32. Colaw Farm Barn quilt by Sandy Barnett



34. Conley Colaw Barn quilt by Conley Colaw



29. High Riser



Barn quilt by Conley Colaw



33. Early Riser



35. The Chestnuts Barn quilt by Margaret Ebb



Located at 631 Mountain Tpke. (south side of Rt. 250), 0.8 miles west of the intersection with Rt. 220 "Sunburst" is found on an outbuilding behind the house and is a perfect design for one of the owners, who wanted a barn quilt with "lots of colors." Barn quilt by Margie Boesch, 2012

56. Sunburst



57. Shirley's Angle Located at 4152 Mountain Tpke. (southeast side of Rt. 250) Barn quilt by Margie Boesch, 2015



58. LOVEwork

Located in Monterey on Jackson River Road (east side of Rt. 220), just south of the Rt. 250 and Rt. 220 intersection From the Virginia Tourism Corporation, the LOVEworks program is a state-wide branding initiative designed to promote travel in Virginia and strengthen awareness of the "Virginia is for Lovers" message. Highland County's LOVE letters were the 50th installation of the program in Virginia. L = "Maple Leaf Quilt Block" Highland is known for its maple syrup, but this block also represents the love of all its natural resources like scenic views, dark skies, and agriculture. **O = "Double Wedding Ring Quilt Block"** This traditional pattern represents love of family and sense of community. V = "Flying Geese Quilt Block" Highland loves its avian population, as well as other wildlife, farm animals, and pets. E = "Log Cabin Quilt Block" Log cabins are a country icon, and this block honors those loving feelings of home, including the history, architecture and simple values of country life. Barn quilt by the community with over 100 hours of volunteer time, 2016. This LOVEwork was a project of the Virginia Tourism Corporation and Highland Tourism Council.

59. Log Cabin

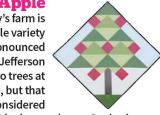
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Located at 2554 Jackson River Rd. (west side of Rt. 220), 2.5 miles south of Monterey "Log Cabin" is a traditional quilt design, and it was chosen because the owners would like to own a real log cabin one day. Barn quilt by Margie Boesch, 2011



36. Colaw Apple

A lone apple tree on Conley's farm is thought to grow a famed lost apple variety known as the Taliaferro (pronounced "Toliver"). President Thomas Jefferson cared for an orchard of Taliaferro trees at Monticello in Charlottesville, but that orchard is now gone. Jefferson considered



these apples to yield the finest cider he ever knew. Conley honors the apple with this barn quilt. Barn quilt by Andrea Eykyn

37. Bear's Paw

Located at 3314 Wimer Mountain Rd. (east side of Rt. 640), 3.2 miles north of the intersection with Blue Grass Valley Rd. The property owner manages the habitat to support a variety of bird species. Barn quilt by Margie Boesch, 2012

38. Moon & Star Over the Mountain

Located at 2478 Blue Grass Valley Rd. (north side of Rt. 642), just east of the Blue Grass intersection with Rt. 640 This pattern represents the owners' love for Highland County. Barn quilt by Margie Boesch, 2011



39. Mare's Nest

Located at 807 Blue Grass Valley Rd. (south side of Rt. 642), 1.7 miles east of the intersection with Rt. 640 "Mare's Nest" is easy to spot on a riding ring on a horse farm. Barn quilt by Margie Boesch, 2011

40. Creation Sings

Located at 6492 Potomac River Rd. on the north side of a red barn/garage at the intersection of Rt. 642 and Rt. 220 This barn quilt is a reminder of the bright-colored birds the owner loves. Barn quilt by Margie Boesch, 2022



41. Cactus Star

Located at 6547 Potomac River Rd. on the north face of Rexrode's Country Store at the intersection of Rt. 642 and Rt. 220 The main reason for choosing this pattern is the image of the cross, with inspiration from the Bible's 1 Corinthians 1:18. Barn quilt by Margie Boesch, 2011

42. Bear's Paw

Located at 537 High Valley Dr. North, 0.7 miles off Free Stone Dr. on the West Virginia side of Rt. 220 at the county line "Bear's Paw" is the name of the owners' homeplace. A homemade quilt with the same pattern was a gift from wife to husband. Barn quilt by Margie Boesch, 2012



60. Daffodils

Located at 2730 Jackson River Rd. (west side of Rt. 220), 2.7 miles south of Monterey Daffodils are a family emblem of the owners, and they have grown the beautiful flowers over many generations. Barn by Margie Boesch, 2017



61. Tic Tac Toe

Located at 7134 Highland Tpke. (south side of Rt. 250), 1.6 miles west of McDowell

62. A Compass Star Located at the corner of Rt. 250 and

Doe Hill Rd. (Rt. 654), across from the Grant's Grocery storefront in McDowell Anna was inspired by other barn quilts nd also helped paint Highland's LOVEwork. Barn quilt by Anna Maria Weierick



63. Kate's Compass Star

Located at 299 Doe Hill Rd. (west side of Rt. 654), 0.3 miles north of the intersection with Rt. 250 in McDowell Barn quilt by Margie Boesch, 2021

64. Tulip Garden Located at Hammer Lane on the east side

of Doe Hill Rd. (Rt. 654), 3.5 miles north of the intersection with Rt. 250 in McDowell The owner's mother loved flowers, so this barn quilt honors her memory. Barn quilt by Margie Boesch, 2017





65. Eight Hands Around Located at 206 Neil Lane at the

intersection of Rt. 654 (east side) and Rt. 619, 5.5 miles north of Rt. 250 There were 4 people working the farm, so there were 8 hands to work on the farm. Barn quilt by Ginny Neil and Sabrina Conner

66. Hodges

Located at 6516 Doe Hill Rd. (east side of Rt. 654), 6.5 miles north of the intersection with Rt. 250 in McDowell After seeing many beautiful barn quilts, the owner made one herself for the family barn when it was built. The "H" standing for the family name of Hodges. Barn quilt by Debbie Hodges



43. Daisy

Located at 154 Forks of Water Rd. (south side Rt. 625), 0.2 miles of the intersection with Rt. 220 This was a Christmas gift from daughters to their mother who loves daisies. Barn quilt by Margie Boesch, 2012



44. Ginseng Mountain

Located at 6359 Potomac River Rd. at Ginseng Mountain Store (west side of Rt. 220) This pattern represents a ginseng leaf with red berries and a mountain in the background. It was designed while taking a barn quilt class from Margie Boesch. Barn quilt by Debora Ellington, 2014

45. Red, White, and Blue Located at 5325 Potomac River Rd.

(northwest side of Rt. 220), 5.3 miles north of the Monterey intersection with Rt. 250 Barn quilt by Angela Harper





46. Love in a Mist

Located at 890 Halterman Hollow Ln. (north side of Rt. 634), 0.7 miles west of the intersection with Rt. 220 Barn quilt by Margie Boesch

47. Sister's Choice

Located at 1115 Potomac River Rd. (west side of Rt. 220), 1 mile north of the Monterey intersection with Rt. 250 This barn quilt is a tribute to a sister with a favorite color of blue. Barn quilt by Margie Boesch, 2012



48. Robert's Choice

Located at 699 Potomac River Rd. (west side of Rt. 220), 0.6 miles north of the Monterey intersection with Rt. 250 "Robert's Choice" was selected to honor one of the owners, who was a graduate of VMI, hence the red and yellow colors. Barn quilt by Margie Boesch, 2011

49. Blue View Sunrise

Located at 216 Potomac River Rd. (Rt. 220) in Monterey, just north of the intersection with Rt. 250 This barn quilt is inspired by the sunrise on Jack Mountain, where as a child, the owner's family camped - the "blue view" behind the Blue View Lodge. Barn quilt by Johnny McNamara



67. Carpenter's Star

Located at 6408 Jack Mountain Rd. (south side of Rt. 624), 1 mile west of the intersection with Doe Hill Rd. This barn quilt is only visible when the leaves are off, located on a gray barn building uphill and to the right of the farmhouse. Barn quilt by Margie Boesch, 2024

68. Rising Star

Located at 8981 Highland Tpke. (north side of Rt. 250), 0.2 miles east of Rt. 654 The saying "even a small star shines in the dark" encapsulates the idea that greatness is not measured by size, but by the brightness of one's spirit and the determination to make a difference. Barn quilt by Miranda Wright





69. Mosaic Star

Located at 9023 Highland Toke. (north side of Rt. 250) on a barn behind the house, 0.2 miles east of Rt. 654 Barn quilt by Lucille Maloy and Lyle & Georgianne Hull

The next 5 barn quilts are located at Bullpasture River Rd. (west side of Rt. 678), 2.5 miles south of the intersection from Rt. 250. Hanging on the same barn, the patterns represent the owners' appreciation of wildlife and vegetation in the area, as well as their love for the arts. Barn quilts by Priscilla Maloy



73. Dove at the Window 74. Triple Sunflower

75. Country Farm Located at 658 Riverbend Ln. off

Bullpasture River Rd. (east side of Rt. 678), 2.7 miles south of Rt. 250. The quilt is on the southside of a barn just up a private gravel lane that visitors do have permission to drive up and turn around. A lovely "Country Farm" is just



50. John 14:27 Located at 49 East Main St. (north side of Rt. 250),

just east of the intersection with Rt. 220 "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid."

Barn quilt by Chris Swecker, 2024

51. Shooting Star Rt. 250) in downtown Monterey, just

Located at 48 W. Main St. (north side of

west of the intersection with Rt. 220 Barn quilt by Margie Boesch

52. Highland Book Patch Located on an outbuilding facing north toward Mill Alley behind the **Highland County Public Library** at 31 N. Water St. in Monterey The local library commissioned a quilt of their logo, which represents the mountains of

Highland County. Join the fun - take a selfie and share using #HCPLbarnquilt and #highlandlibraryva! Barn quilt by Margie Boesch

53. Mug Club

Located at 107 W. Main St. (south side of Rt. 250) in downtown Monterey, west of the intersection with Rt. 220 Found at the outdor patio, this barn quilt is a nod to the "Café Mug Club" found inside Claire's Cakes & Café. Regulars bring and leave their personal



mug to reduce waste and add a personal connection to their visit. From dainty floral cups to sturdy thick mugs, this barn quilt features a few of their favorite colorful customer mugs. Barn quilt by Margie Boesch, 2024

54. The Curly Maple Located at 174 W. Main St. (north side



of Rt. 250) in downtown Monterey, west of the intersection with Rt. 220 The barn quilt was designed and gifted to the owner by her daughter to display in The Curly Maple's general storefront windows. Barn quilt by Krista Miller

55. Starry Path Located on Mountain Tpke. (south side of Rt. 250), 0.4 miles west of the

Monterey intersection with Rt. 220 Even though this barn quilt is named "Starry Path," it reminds the owner, who is a devoted Mom, of pinwheels and kids. It is installed on the old public pool



building, which echoed with children's laughter for many years. Barn quilt by Margie Boesch, 2013

76. Granddaughters Located at 6475 Bullpasture River Rd. (east side of Rt. 678), 6.5 miles south of Rt. 250. The owners' granddaughters decided

"The Farm" needed a barn quilt, and they designed and painted it as a gift for Christmas of 2023. Barn quilt by Shayna Perdue

77. Country Roads

Located at 11457 Highland Tpke. (north side of Rt. 250), 2 miles east of McDowell The owners like the cross and wanted the barn quilt to be colorful. It's very visible from Rt. 250, the major "Country Road" leading to Highland County.



Barn quilt by Margie Boesch, 2014 78. Hazy Star

Located at 1784 Cowpasture Rd. N. (east side of Rt. 614), 1.8 miles north of its intersection with Rt. 250 Since 2012, Hazy Hollow Farm has been a working cattle farm, and this barn quilt was designed to fit its rustic nature. Barn quilt by Miranda Wright

79. Hazy Hollow

Located at 1784 Cowpasture Rd. N. (east side of Rt. 614), 1.8 miles north of its intersection with Rt. 250 This barn quilt represents the brand for the cattle and farm at Hazy Hollow Farm.



Located at 3621 Cowpasture River Rd. N.

(west side of Rt. 614), 3.7 miles north of Rt. 250 The pattern comes from a quilt that was purchased in a juried crafts store in West Virginia called Tamarack. The owners purchased it to commemorate a summer that the wife spent driving all over the

state to keynote teacher training conferences. They wanted something non-traditional but crafted by hand, and they found exactly what they wanted in the quilt, which now hangs in their home living room with a high ceiling in Reston, Virginia. Their oldest son and wife were married beneath the quilt, which was a choice they made because "it felt like a cathedral." The barn quilt reflects the same pattern as that special quilt, which ties together the two central places of the life of their family. Barn quilt by Margie Boesch, 2018

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