

## **THE HOOSICK BARN QUILT PROJECT IS ABOUT TO BEGIN!**

### **Get in on the action January 25<sup>th</sup> at The Armory!**

The Hoosick Barn Quilt Project begins its first phase, building the frames on which the quilt designs will be painted, on two Saturdays, January 25 and February 15, starting at 9:00am at The Armory. The Hoosick Barn Quilt Project is a big, fun and important one for our community. Like any such ambitious undertaking, it will need the help of many hands to make it work. The goal is to put together 10-12 frames on each of those days. The building process involves 2 x 4's, 4' x 8' plywood, hammers and nails, saws and your skills! If you can hammer a nail, measure a length, cut a piece of wood, push a broom, serve a slice of pizza, or make someone smile, then you have skill that we need.

In case you haven't heard yet, The Hoosick Barn & Building Quilt Trail Project, sponsored and coordinated by Hoosick's HAYC3, is truly a community project. The project (which will be the "Hoosick Barn & Building Quilt Trail" when it's done) will unite our community by working together to design, construct, and paint quilt patterns on 8' x 8' wooden panels which will then be permanently installed on barns and buildings all throughout the Hoosick Community. The plan is to create at least 20 of the "quilts" this summer as the start of an ongoing endeavor that the community can continue adding to in the future.

Together we will create these beautiful painted wooden quilts. A specially designed map indicating the Quilt locations will be available for residents to follow. The unveiling of the quilts will be in August of 2014, and HAYC3 will sponsor a Hoosick Barn & Building Quilt Trail Caravan in the fall during the peak foliage season.

Several counties across the country, mostly in the Mid-West, have created barn quilts and barn quilt trails. Ours will be the first one in this region. The goals of the project are to celebrate our community's history and heritage, to encourage artistic expression, promote community pride, to bring generations together to learn and share, to have a good time working collaboratively with our friends, families and neighbors. In addition, the Hoosick Barn & Building Quilt Trail will encourage economic development by promoting tourism and local businesses.

Organizations and individuals who are interested in participating in any way, shape or form should call HAYC3 at 686-9050 or email [contacthayc3@gmail.com](mailto:contacthayc3@gmail.com). In addition to building the frames, there are many ways to get involved: as a sponsor, designing and/or painting the quilts, apply to have a quilt on your barn, farm structure or building (even in the village). No matter what your skill or talent, whether you are a quilter, carpenter, painter, or just care about this community, you have something to contribute. Look for more information and application forms on our website towards the end of this month.