



## **PRESS RELEASE**

**April 15, 2011 Contact: Susan Heebink 740-380-2752**

### **Safe House Quilters of Ripley and The Quilt Barn and Covered Bridge Tour of Brown County Ohio to be featured at the Washboard Music Festival**

#### **Washboard Music Festival, Logan, Ohio**

The 2011 Washboard Music Festival Quilt Show opens Tuesday, June 7 at the Bowen House in downtown Logan and runs thru Saturday June 25. Please stop by and see the beautiful quilts from Brown County during regular Bowen House hours with extended hours during the Washboard Music Festival, June 17 and June 18. During the Festival, the Bowen House will be graced with the sounds of dulcimers featuring Delightful Sounds and ragtime piano with Sister Jean and Kenan.

The 2011 Washboard Music Festival Quilt Show is honored to feature 40 quilts from the historic Ohio River town of Ripley. The Safe House Quilters took their name from the fact that Ripley played a major role in the Underground Railroad by providing safe houses for slaves traveling to freedom in Canada. The Safe House Quilters are long time quilters from in and around Ripley. They informally meet to share their expertise and friendship in the time honored craft of quilting. They have been instrumental in organizing periodic quilt shows for local events. The Safe House Quilters are planning a quilt show for the 2012 Bi-Centennial celebration in Ripley, a wonderful place with great history.

Brown County is a proud participant in the quilt barn trail phenomenon that links their Quilt Barn and Covered Bridge Tour with other Ohio counties participating in the "Clothesline of Quilts" across Southern Ohio and throughout the United States. Brown County features 19 quilt barns and 5 covered bridges on a self-guided tour through its picturesque byways and rolling hills. Brochures/maps will be available at the Festival Quilt Show in June.

The Quilt Barn and Covered Bridge Tour is one of more than 3,000 Quilt Barns in 30 states and 2 Canadian provinces. Quilt barn trails stem from one woman's dream to honor her mother and to celebrate Appalachian heritage crafts. Donna Sue Groves (Adams County, Ohio) had the first quilt barn painted in 2001 to honor her mother Nina Maxine Groves, a master quilter.

Please join us in June for the Washboard Music Festival Quilt Show at the Bowen House. Sit on the tree shaded lawn, listen to great music and then take a leisurely walk through the Bowen House to see the exquisite quilts from the Safe House Quilters.

Visit [www.washboardmusicfestival.com](http://www.washboardmusicfestival.com) for more Festival information.

