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**AGENDA Wellington North Cultural Roundtable Meeting  
June 16th @ 12:00PM in-person  
Arthur Community Centre Lower Hall**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS:** Doris Cassan Faye Craig Gail Donald,  
Bonny McDougall Jess Pfisterer Jim Taylor  
Gerald Townsend Harry Engel Linda Hruska  
Penny Renken Councillor Lisa Hern

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS REGRETS:** Sue Doherty

**OTHERS TOWNSHIP STAFF:** Dale Small (Regrets) Tasha Grafos Crystal Seifried

**REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**Chair Jim**

- Acceptance of minutes from May 19<sup>th</sup> attached to agenda as pages 2-3

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

**Jim**

**1. Cultural Moments**

- Attached to the agenda as pages 4 is the June 6<sup>th</sup> Arthur Barn Quilt Trail Project Cultural Moment prepared by Doris
- Discussion and finalize Cultural Moment topics and schedule for remainder of the Year

**2. Wellington North Culture Days**

**Jim**

- Start planning and initial discussion on additional/potential events
 

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| a. Volunteer Celebration                      | (Friday Sept 23 <sup>rd</sup> @ Mount Forest) | Dale        |
| b. WN Farmers Market Culture Days Celebration | (Saturday Sept 24 <sup>th</sup> )             | Harry       |
| c. Metz Annual Pumkinfest                     | (Saturday Sept 24th)                          | Bonnie      |
| d. MF Cemetery Tours by Morgan                | (Sat Sept 24/Oct 1 & 8)                       | Dale/Morgan |
| e. Lynes Blacksmith Shop                      | (TBD)   | Kate Rowley |
| f. Arthur Barn Quilt Trail                    | (TBD)   | Doris       |
| g. Agri-tourism activity??                    | (TBD)   | Jess        |
| h. Four Corners Quilters Guild??              | (TBD)   | Linda       |
| i. Arthur Historical Society                  | (TBD)   | Gail        |
| j. Others!!!                                  |   |             |

**3. Cultural Plan Goals & Actions**

**All**

- Discussion & Identification of Areas of Interest
- Goals & Objectives/Small Group Brainstorming
- Small group updates/next steps

**4. Date of Next Meeting & Adjournment**

- No meeting in July
- Next meeting Thursday August 18<sup>th</sup> @ 12:00pm location TBD

**WELLINGTON NORTH CULTURAL ROUNDTABLE COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
**THURSDAY MAY 19<sup>TH</sup> Council Chambers, Kenilworth Office**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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|------------------|-----------------|
| Chair Jim Taylor | Bonny McDougall |
| Doris Cassan     | Gerald Townsend |
| Jess Pfisterer   | Faye Craig      |

**Staff Present:**

Dale Small, Economic Development Officer (EDO)  
Tasha Grafos, Administrative Support

**Guests Present:**

Crystal Seifried

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

|             |                      |              |
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| Sue Doherty | Councillor Lisa Hern | Penny Renken |
| Harry Engel | Linda Hruska         | Gail Donald  |

**CALLING TO ORDER**

Chair Jim called meeting to order at 12:04pm

**INTRODUCTIONS FOR NEW MEMBERS**

New and existing members gave a brief introduction of themselves and why they are interested in being a part of the Cultural Roundtable Committee.

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

RESOLUTION: **CRT2022-008**

Moved: Member Bonny

Seconded: Member Gerald

THAT the agenda for the May 19th, 2022, Cultural Roundtable Committee meeting be accepted and passed.

**CARRIED**

**DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

None

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING – March 24, 2022**

Accepted by Council on April 11<sup>th</sup>, 202

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

**1. Cultural Moment**

April 11<sup>th</sup> (Member Gail) Arthur 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Incorporation  
April 25<sup>th</sup> (EDO Dale) Volunteer Theme & May 5<sup>th</sup> Volunteer Appreciation  
May 9<sup>th</sup> (Member Linda) Four Corners Quilt Guild

EDO Dale discussed the purpose of Cultural Moments and explained that everyone is welcome to write one, the use of photos is encouraged in the write up. These Cultural Moments can be a part of every Council Meetings. Any questions or interest in preparing a Cultural Moment are encouraged to reach out to EDO Dale.

Chair Jim explained that Council is very supportive of this committee, and he supports EDO's sentiment that every member is encouraged to use their own experiences and interests to submit a cultural moment. Chair Jim suggested that member's try to bring an idea for a Cultural Moment to the next meeting.

**2. Wellington North Culture Days**

Planning discussion on additional / potential events

- a. Volunteer Celebration Friday Sep. 23 Mount Forest

- b. WN Farmers Market Culture Days Celebration Saturday Sep. 24
- c. Metz Annual Pumpkinfest Saturday Sep. 24
- d. MF Cemetery Tours by Morgan Saturday Sep. 24 / Oct. 1 and 8
- e. Lynes Blacksmith Shop TBD
- f. Agri-tourism promotion TBD
- g. Barn Quilt Trail promotion TBD
- h. Arthur Murals & Historical Tours TBD

EDO Dale gave the group a description of what Culture Days are, explaining that is a Provincial initiative that runs from September into October. The goal of the Cultural Roundtable for Culture Days is to support existing events, like Metz Pumpkinfest, and to have its own initiatives / events happening during Culture Days. EDO Dale suggested partnering with Member Jess to try in initiate an Agri-Tour.

Chair Jim reminded the group that the Committee does offer grants to community organizations that are participating in cultural events. A discussion took place surrounding the recognition of volunteers in the community. EDO Dale suggest that Chair Jim and Member Doris work together to come up with some new ideas.

### 3. Cultural Plan Goals & Actions

Chair Jim asked that Committee members consider items on Cultural Plan Goals and identify a few things that are of interest, something that committee members would consider working on achieving. After identifying goals, workgroups of committee members can be formed to work to accomplishing the goal.

### 4. Upcoming Events

- May 26th Growth, Housing & Development Information Session 5:30pm in Mount Forest
- May 28th Spring Rural Romp Northern Wellington Various locations
- June 25th Opening Day Wellington North Farmers Market
- June 25th Metz Country Market
- June 25th Arthur CashnCarry The Handmade Market
- July 1st – 3rd Arthur 150th Celebrations
- July 14 – 17 Mount Forest Fireworks Festival

### ROUNDTABLE ANNOUCNEMENTS

- Doris updated on the Arthur Barn Quilt Trail Project
- Bonny updated on the Poppy Project
- Gerald updated on the Fall Fair
- Faye updated on Horticultural Society and Arthur 150<sup>th</sup> initiatives
- Jess updated on the Spring Rural Romp

Next meeting date was set as Thursday June 16<sup>th</sup> at the Arthur Community Centre

### ADJOURNMENT

Resolution: **CRT2022-009**

Moved: Member Bonny

Seconded: Member Faye

THAT the Cultural Roundtable Committee meeting be adjourned at 1:25pm **CARRIED**



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### CULTURAL MOMENT FOR JUNE 6TH CELEBRATES THE ARTHUR BARN QUILT TRAIL PROJECT

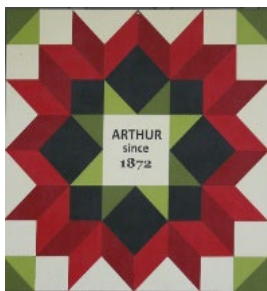
The response in Arthur and area to the Arthur Area Barn Quilt Trail Project this year has been amazing. More than sixty barn quilts will be in the area for tourists to seek out any day of the year. But not everyone knows much about barn quilts.

Barn quilts are quite simply a painted depiction of a quilt square on wood or signboard which is then installed on a barn or other building. The modern versions are often posted on houses, garages, garden sheds or used as garden décor. They often tell you something about the owners; a story, an interest, a group they support, like this Guelph Junior Gryphons Barn Quilt on Schmidt Street.



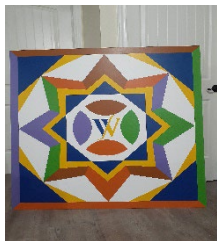
Modern Barn Quilts have a relatively short history according to the internet. A Small Farms Canada article from 2018 describes their beginning in 2001 with

Donna Sue Grover of Ohio who began to use these paintings to brighten up her tobacco farm buildings and to pay homage to her mother who loved to quilt. This symbolic Arthur Since 1872 Barn Quilt can be seen on Clarke Street in Arthur.



Barn hex signs have been around a lot longer. They were brought to North America in the 17<sup>th</sup> century by the Pennsylvania Dutch who interestingly are mostly German. The German word for German is Deutsch, so that may explain that apparent misnomer. The name Hex may have come from the German word for six (sechs) because the hex signs were often six pointed stars. There are commonly recognized hex signs that welcome or that wish for abundant crops or good health.

The Silver Fox in Arthur made this Mariner's Compass design into their own by adding their silver fox in each corner and the Wellington North Cultural Roundtable barn quilt is proudly mounted at the entrance into the Arthur Community Centre. Whether it is a barn quilt or a hex sign or a cave painting, people will always try to decorate their homes in some way. It is evidence that creativity and the appreciation of art is a part of the human makeup.



For more information on the Arthur Barn Quilt Trail, you can go to <https://www.facebook.com/BQArthurArea> and for the Wellington County Barn Quilt Trail Association. <https://www.facebook.com/wcbqta>

Submitted by Doris Cassan, Wellington North Cultural Roundtable