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#### FAMED BARN QUILT BOOK AUTHOR TO VISIT KANKAKEE COUNTY

Author of the first book ever written on the American Quilt Trail to visit Kankakee IL

KANKAKEE COUNTY, February 15, 2012 – The Kankakee County Convention & Visitors Bureau, and Friends of the Kankakee Library welcome Author Suzi Parron to Kankakee, IL on April 14, 2012. Parron authors the first book ever written about the American Barn Quilt Trails. The Barn Quilt concept of placing an 8'x8' wooden block, hand painted with a quilt pattern on a historic barn was first introduced in 2003 and is now spreading nationally. This unique event introduces the author's new book, *Barn Quilts and the American Quilt Trail Movement*, and includes a reception.

Parron is a high school English teacher by day and a writer in the hours in between. She was fortunate enough to get to know Donna Sue Groves--the original barn quilter--and to be asked by Ohio University Press to record the history of the trails and the stories behind the quilts. If you would like to contact Suzi, email [americanquilttrail@yahoo.com](mailto:americanquilttrail@yahoo.com)

Here's what Parron has to say about The Quilts of Kankakee County, "Those of you who have been following me a while may have noticed that Kankakee barn quilts have been featured here regularly. Nothing better than good friends met along the quilt trail who stay in touch... "I'll just say that these are some pretty incredible folks."

This event was made possible by a joint effort of the Kankakee County Convention & Visitors Bureau, Kankakee Quilmakers and Friends of the Kankakee Library. Join us at the Kankakee Public Library downtown Kankakee on Saturday April 14, 2012 at 2:00 PM to meet Suzi Parron. For more information on this event please contact the Kankakee County Convention & Visitors Bureau by calling 800-747-4837.

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