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## **Bestselling Author Wanda E. Brunstetter Wraps New Amish Story in *The Healing Quilt***

***Author to Appear In Cambridge, Medina and Sugarcreek***

Uhrichsville, OH—Although stories about the Amish usually find the “Plain People” focused on their work, they are as fun-loving as “Englishers,” says *New York Times* bestselling author of Amish fiction Wanda E. Brunstetter, who will tour in Ohio September 13-21.

Always eager to share her considerable knowledge of the Amish with readers, the author wove this fact into THE HEALING QUILT. The August 2014 Shiloh Run Press novel for Barbour Publishing finds an Amish couple teaching quilting lessons from their home. To date the book has earned a berth on the distinguished *Publishers Weekly* bestseller list for two weeks.

Brunstetter will sign THE HEALING QUILT in Cambridge, Medina and Sugarcreek during her week-long swing through Ohio Amish country. Her tour will conclude with a festive fan weekend at the Carlisle Inn in Sugarcreek.

Many of the author’s Ohio appearances have been scheduled in conjunction with performances of “Half-Stitched, the Musical” at the Carlisle Inn in Sugarcreek. The play is based on THE HALF-STITCHED AMISH QUILTING CLUB, Brunstetter’s 2012 novel related to THE HEALING QUILT and playing to packed houses in Midwest cities for the third year.

In THE HEALING QUILT, the third book about Brunstetter’s beloved Amish newlyweds, Emma and Lamar Miller, “Amish Country’s Most Beloved Storyteller” has the Millers move from Shipshewana, Ind., to Sarasota, Fla.

“The move allowed me to take my characters to the lovely beach area where my husband and I recently bought a vacation home, a locale also popular with the Amish,” said Brunstetter. “And, of course, it wouldn’t feel like home in my story if Emma didn’t offer quilting classes there in Florida.”

Wounded and hurting people have a knack for finding their way to Emma's classes for "quilting therapy." In *THE HEALING QUILT* readers will meet Jennifer, who is pregnant with her first child and whose husband is unemployed; Mike, a workaholic charter boat owner; Erika, a bitter, wheelchair-bound teen; Kim, a waitress eager for adventure; Noreen, a recently retired widow struggling with her new role in life, and B.J., an artist facing a fatal illness. When Jan from an earlier story visits from Indiana, romance blossoms, creating friction among some of the characters.

The beach setting also enabled the author of more than 60 books to illustrate how the Florida Amish lifestyle differs from that in Indiana.

"The homes the Amish own or rent in their Sarasota community of Pinecraft have electricity, which means some of them have a telephone inside their Florida homes," explained the author, who is known for the authenticity of her Amish stories. "As for transportation, since horse and buggies are not allowed in Pinecraft, the Amish walk, ride a bicycle, take a bus or hire a driver. In Indiana—and Ohio—the Amish meet for church in various members' homes, but in Pinecraft they convene in a very simple church building.

"The 'healing' in the title of the book comes not from the actual wall hanging each of the characters quilts but from God, in the way of emotional and spiritual development, with the help of the various class members," Brunstetter continued. "And when such inner healing occurs, the various characters are able to let go of bitterness, anger, unforgiveness, insecurities and fear and move on with their lives."

Brunstetter has more than seven million copies of her books sold to date, and her novels have also earned berths on the *New York Times* list and those reflecting sales in the Christian market, such as that compiled by the Christian Booksellers Association. The winner of *RT Book Reviews* magazine's 2013 Career Achievement Award for Inspirational Fiction, the author and her husband split their residence between Sarasota, Fla., and Yakima, Wash. When not writing, she enjoys visiting their Amish friends in Ohio and other states across the country.

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