



STEVENS COUNTY BARN QUILT TRAIL



Take a tour!

Welcome TO THE Stevens County Minnesota Barn Quilt Trail!

The concept for the Stevens County Barn Quilt Trail was born on June 25, 2017, when Ward and Carol Voorhees hosted an open house to display four Barn Quilts they had mounted on their buildings as a way to introduce the general local public to this art form.

One year later, on August 1, 2018, the Stevens County Barn Quilt Trail was launched, with 24 Barn quilts being displayed at 13 locations.

Several of these Barn quilts are original designs of the owner. Many have interesting stories that help piece together the county's diversity. We plan to publish these stories in the future, as organizations representing different cultures become involved in making Barn Quilts.

The art form of Barn Quilts has its origins in the Appalachian Hills of Kentucky. The first documented Barn Quilt Trail was established in Adams County, Ohio, by Donna Sue Groves. The art form has evolved over the last several decades to now include Barn Quilts ranging in size from 8 ft. x 8 ft. quilts mounted on large barns, down to small Barn Quilts hanging from a mail box.

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 stevenshistorymuseum.com/barn-quilts

This brochure will be periodically updated as more Barn Quilts are added to the Trail. If you have questions, please contact Ward Voorhees at (320)-334-2079 or voorhees@info-link.net

MISSION STATEMENT

To piece together the County's diversity through the art form of Barn Quilts.

THE Barn Quilts



1. Dodsall Farm

John and Dianne Dodsall
24347 400th Ave, Hancock, MN
Painted by Image Xperts.



2. US Flag

Jerry and Jill Landwehr
22131 County Road 1, Hancock, MN
Painted by Jerry Landwehr



3. 4-H Building (May enter onto property.)
Stevens County Fair Grounds
South State Highway 59, Morris, MN
Painted by Horton 4-H Club



4. Beef Barn (May enter onto property.)
Stevens County Fair Grounds
South State Highway 59, Morris, MN
Painted by Horton 4-H Club



5. Abram's Quilt (May enter onto property.)
Pat Hein, 900 West 4th St, Morris, MN
(Across from bowling alley.)
Unknown artist



6. Play House Quilt (May enter onto property.)
Pat Hein, 900 West 4th St, Morris, MN
(Across from bowling alley.)
Unknown artist



7. Tulip (May enter onto property.)
Ward and Carol Voorhees
44724 State Hwy 28, Morris, MN
Painted by Cindy Haffner



8. Carpenter's Wheel (May enter onto property.)
Ward and Carol Voorhees
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9. 12-Point Star (May enter onto property.)
Ward and Carol Voorhees
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10. US Flag (May enter onto property.)
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11. Maple Leaf
Wayne and Jeanne Lesmeister
46298 180th St, Morris, MN
Painted by Wayne Lesmeister
(Exit Hwy 59, enter property by Tree sign. Follow field road north to fence line, turn left to exit property.)



12. Cardinal
Wayne and Jeanne Lesmeister
46298 180th St, Morris, MN
(See #11 for directions)
Painted by Wayne Lesmeister



13. Proud Evergreen (on barn)
Wayne and Jeanne Lesmeister
46298 180th St, Morris, MN (See #11 for directions)
Painted by Wayne Lesmeister



14. Horse
Wayne and Jeanne Lesmeister
46298 180th St, Morris, MN (See #11 for directions)
Painted by Wayne Lesmeister



15. School Bell
Vicky Dodsall
44725 175th St, Morris, MN
Painted by Wayne Lesmeister



16. Iron Stars (May enter onto property.)
Arnie and Linda Stein
18655 480th Ave, Morris, MN
Painted by Linda Stein



17. Butterfly (May enter onto property.)
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18655 480th Ave, Morris, MN
Painted by Linda Stein



18. Stars and Stripes
Diane and Dave Boettcher
15622 480th Ave, Morris, MN
Painted by Cindy Haffner



19. Pin Wheel
Jeanne and Dale Ennen
51188 150th St, Donnelly, MN
Painted by their family



20. Rodeo Quilt
Bernie and Lois Van Eps
107 West 4th Ave S, Chokio, MN
Unknown artist



21. Undecided
Keith and Maria Marty
209 West 2nd Ave S, Chokio, MN
Painted by Maria Marty



22. Pine Tree (May enter onto property.)
Joe and Karen De Vita
31206 610th Ave, Chokio, MN
Painted by Monica Kleindl



23. Cake BQ (May enter onto property.)
Joe and Karen De Vita
31206 610th Ave, Chokio, MN
Painted by Monica Kleindl



24. Celtic Tree of Life
Craig and Joanie Murphy
51487 320th St, Morris, MN
Painted by Cindy Haffner

MAP: FIND THE QUILTS

The list of charter members of the Stevens County Barn Quilt Trail proudly share their Barn Quilts.

FYI: You may photograph the Barn Quilts. However, you are requested to not enter onto private property unless noted otherwise in the listing of the individual locations. Please observe and obey all safety rules regarding slowing or stopping on a public road or street.



Other Points of interest

- ❖ The University of Minnesota Morris is a four-year liberal arts college and annually receives recognition as one of the top ten public liberal arts institutions in the nation. It began as a boarding school for Native Americans in the late 1890's, then evolved into an Agricultural High School, and finally a four-year liberal arts University in 1964.
- ❖ The Horticultural Display Gardens at the University of Minnesota West Central Research and Outreach Center is one of the most impressive public flower gardens in the Minnesota, and is open to the public, free of charge.
- ❖ Several home-grown industries in Stevens County do business world-wide and are a stable source of employment.
- ❖ Agriculture is the largest economic driver in Stevens County, with several large specialized dairy and swine production operations.
- ❖ Lakes, hiking and bicycling paths, hunting and fishing opportunities, and attractive camp grounds add to the cultural venues throughout Stevens County.

Thank You!

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County History

Stevens County was officially created on February 20, 1862, on land ceded to the US Government by the Treaty de Sioux in 1851. The first permanent European settlers came in 1866, drawn by the prospect of seemingly endless acres of fertile black soil.

The Wadsworth Trail carrying supplies and people from St. Cloud, MN to Fort Sisseton, SD, passed through Stevens County just a few miles north of Morris and Chokio.

Morris was established as the County Seat in 1871, and is named after a railroad engineer.



Stevens County Historical Society

The Stevens County Historical Society was organized in 1922, and is one of the oldest organizations in the County. Its roots go back to the Old Settlers Association founded in 1876.

The Stevens County History Museum is housed in a Carnegie Library building (built in 1905) which is on the National Register of Historic Buildings. A 1.6 million dollar addition was added in 2005.