

Washington County Barn Quilt Trail

Volunteers

Over 100 volunteers – from 6 to 86 years old – were involved with the construction, painting, and installation of the barn quilts.

Many of the youth volunteers were members of the Soaring Eagles 4-H Club (a multi-county, multi-state 4-H club in which all families were homeschooling their children and teens).



Donors

We are very grateful for financial support from the Scandia-Marine Lions, Christ Lutheran Church, Marine on St. Croix City Council, John Pazlar, Evening Star Quilters, Bald Eagle Womens Group, Libby Ernest, Minnesota Alliance with Youth, and Disney's Friends for Change.

These gifts allowed us to purchase supplies to construct, paint, and install the barn quilts; and provided a way for the community to come together to create public art.



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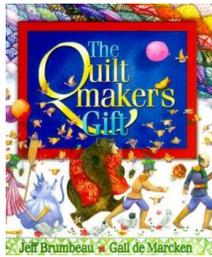
The Washington County Barn Quilt Trail winds through the beautiful communities of Scandia, Marine on St. Croix, and the Town of May in Minnesota.

Along the way, there are 18 barn quilts that are based on quilt patterns in the book *The Quiltmaker's Gift*.

Theme of the Barn Quilt Trail

The founder of the Washington County Barn Quilt Trail, Olivia Nienaber, wanted a theme that would tie the quilts together. At the time she began developing the concept for the trail in 2015, she was 12 years old.

When she was young, one of her favorite books was *The Quiltmaker's Gift*, written by Jeff Brumbeau and illustrated by Gail De Marcken.



The Quiltmaker's Gift, a New York Times bestseller and a Booksense Book of the Year, tells the story of a greedy king, who with the help of a generous quiltmaker, learns to find happiness by giving his possessions away.

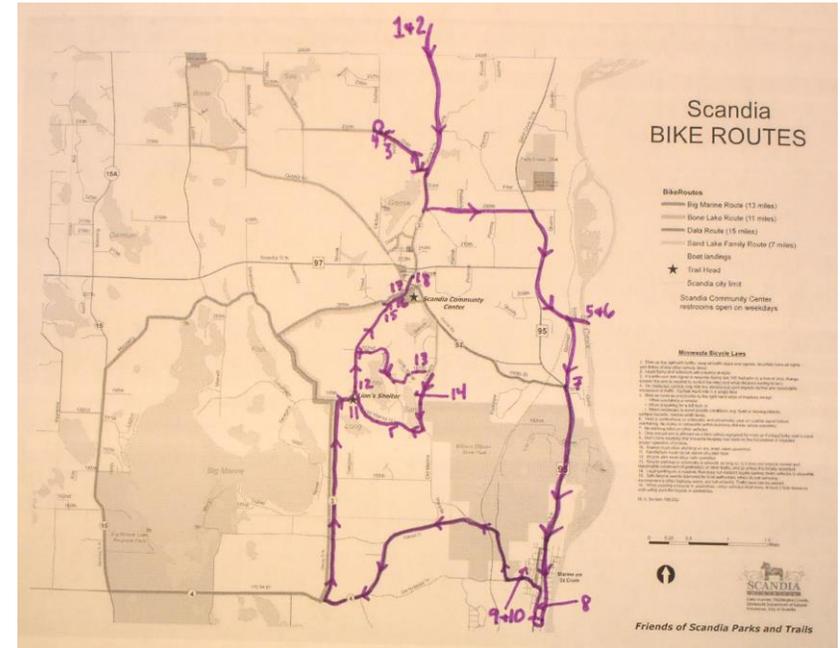
This book has a positive message for both children and adults; and focuses on generosity, the joy of giving, compassion, and caring for those in need.

In addition to having a literary theme, all the barn quilts have a visual theme as well. Each quilt has at least one paint color that is featured in another quilt on the trail. In this way, when photographed, the quilts complement one another.

"[The Barn Quilt Trail] is a great local project that can be enjoyed and appreciated by so many."

~ John ~

Map



Recommendations

Spend the day touring the beautiful communities of Scandia, Marine on St. Croix, and the Town of May.

Going on the 16-mile tour is great for:

- full-day destination events
- half-day experiences
- get-a-way trips for seniors at assisted living facilities or nursing homes
- field trips for school groups; homeschool groups and co-ops; and 4-H clubs
- day trips for adults in memory-care programs
- church groups of all ages - from youth to seniors



Enhance the tour with stops at historical sites on or near the Barn Quilt trail including:

- Early Settler's Cabin
- Gammelgarden Museum
- Hay Lake Monument
- Hay Lake School and Erickson Log Home
- Marine Mill
- Stone House Museum



Barn Quilt Names and Locations

True Lovers' Knot (1)

Located on one of the barns at this former cattle and crop farm, *True Lovers' Knot* is 4'x4'. It is installed on the north side of the barn; and is visible as one is traveling south on Olinda Trail towards Scandia.

Location: 23620 Olinda Trail North, Scandia.

Latitude: 45.2908970 | **Longitude:** -92.8022840

Snail's Trail (2)

This barn quilt is located on another barn on the same farm where *True Lovers' Knot* is installed. *Snail's Trail*, a 4'x4' quilt, is installed on the east side of the barn. It is visible as one is traveling both directions on Olinda Trail.

Location: 23620 Olinda Trail North, Scandia.

Latitude: 45.2908970 | **Longitude:** -92.8022840

Bear Paw (3)

Installed on posts, this barn quilt is 7'x7' and weighs over 100 pounds. It is located on the northeast corner of a small, ten-acre farm in Scandia.

Location: 14363 Oren Road North, Scandia.

Latitude: 45.279856 | **Longitude:** -92.814149

Around the Corner (4)

This 4'x4' barn quilt is situated in a pasture that literally is at the corners of Oren Road, Oldfield Avenue, and 230th Street in Scandia.

Location: 14363 Oren Road North, Scandia.

Latitude: 45.279856 | **Longitude:** -92.814149

Rosebud (5 and 6)

These two matching barn quilts are located at the Log House Landing. The quilts are each 2'x2' and are on the front of the carriage house.

Location: End of 205th Street (off of Quinnell) at the St. Croix River, Scandia.

Latitude: 45.248885 | **Longitude:** -92.761035

Hen and Chicks (7)

Located at Funkie Gardens, this barn quilt is 2'x2' and is on the front of the store. There also is a plant named "Hen and Chicks" so the barn quilt seems aptly placed here.

Location: 19713 Quinnell Avenue, Copas.

Latitude: 45.2339892 | **Longitude:** -92.7642096

Birds in the Air (8)

Located next to the Early Settler's Cabin in Burriss Park, this barn quilt is 4'x4'. It is on posts next to the 160+ year old cabin which is open on weekends during the summer.

Location: 200 Judd Street, Marine on St. Croix.

Latitude: 45.196986 | **Longitude:** -92.768903

Windblown Square (9)

Located at the community garden at Christ Lutheran Church, this 4'x4' barn quilt is on posts across from this historic church.

Location: 150 Fifth Street, Marine on St. Croix.

Latitude: 45.1987010 | **Longitude:** -92.7726750

Toad in a Puddle (10)

This 4'x4' barn quilt is located at the Stone House Museum. The Museum is only a half block away from Christ Lutheran Church, so this quilt and *Windblown Square* are within easy walking distance from one another. This quilt is on posts. The ground was so rocky that even an auger on a Bobcat was challenged by all the stones in the soil.

Location: 241 Fifth Street, Marine on St. Croix.

Latitude: 45.2000950 | **Longitude:** -92.7716440

Peace and Plenty (11)

This barn quilt is displayed at Erickson Log Home which is behind Hay Lake School. This 4'x4' quilt is on posts next to the home which is on the National Register of Historic Places.

Location: 14020 195th Street North, Marine on St. Croix.

Latitude: 45.231521 | **Longitude:** -92.82232

King's Highway (12)

This 6.5'x6.5' barn quilt has two-thirds on the north side of the barn and one-third on the west side of the barn. The Hay Lake Monument is within close walking distance of the barn.

Location: 19703 Olinda Trail North, Marine on St. Croix.

Latitude: 45.234159 | **Longitude:** -92.81795

Spools (13)

This 4'x4' barn quilt is located on the Sand Lake Bike Trail, and is a couple blocks north of *At the End of the Day*. It is on the south side of the barn facing the road.

Location: 14858 197th Street North, Marine on St. Croix.

Latitude: 45.2336249 | **Longitude:** -92.7639312

At the End of the Day (14)

Located on a former dairy barn on Sand Lake, this 4'x4' barn quilt is located on the north side of the barn.

Location: 19540 Oxboro Avenue North, Scandia.

Latitude: 45.2331360 | **Longitude:** -92.8033220

Robbing Peter to Pay Paul (15)

This barn quilt is located next door to *Friendship Square*. It is located on the north side of the barn adjacent to the pasture where the cows graze.

Location: 20543 Olinda Trail North, Marine on St. Croix.

Latitude: 45.2467558 | **Longitude:** -92.8141475

Friendship Square (16)

This 4'x4' barn quilt is on the south side of a historic barn in Scandia. It is approximately one-quarter of a mile south of Gammelgarden Museum.

Location: 20621 Olinda Trail North, Scandia.

Latitude: 45.247669 | **Longitude:** -92.813254

Log Cabin (17)

This barn quilt was the first quilt painted and installed on the Washington County Barn Quilt Trail. At 7'x7', it has colors that complement the colors used in the buildings at Gammelgarden. The red paint is Falu (or Falun) Red. In Sweden, many wooden cottages and barns are painted this color.

Location: 20880 Olinda Trail North, Scandia.

Latitude: 45.251713 | **Longitude:** -92.806936

Follow the Leader (18)

Located at Hilltop Water Company, this quilt is 2'x2' and is on the west side of the barn.

Location: 21079 Olinda Trail North, Scandia.

Latitude: 45.2535226 | **Longitude:** -92.8058485

