

Quilt # 60

QUILT NAME: “Square Dance”

LOCATION: Rod’s Country Store – Mark and Diane Johnson moved the business that Mark’s parents, Rod and Lois Johnson, had owned and operated for many years to a new location in 2004. Their business is on the corner of Chisago County Road 12 & MN State Hwy 95. They provide a much needed gas and convenience grocery store in the Almelund area. They offer fresh brewed coffee, a great snack bar, and are making homemade pizza & fresh sub and wrap sandwiches to order and take out! They are still making Rod's World Famous Swedish Sausage year around, too!

Mark & Diane and family are working hard to bring what you need right to our own community! They have movie rentals and even a tanning bed! Mark calls Almelund the busiest small town in Minnesota, and Rod's is at the center of it all!

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ARTIST: David Oaks, Stacy MN

Dave started “Barn Quilts by Oaksy” shortly after he retired. He really liked seeing folk art “quilt squares” attached to barns and wanted to pursue his creative interests. Dave started building, painting and installing custom quilt squares at a few barns throughout the county, and an article in the October 10, 2013 Chisago County Press highlighted some of his work. A few months later, his dream of a self-guided barn quilt tour in Chisago County started coming to life when he was contacted by the local Foundation to be a partner in the development of a Barn Quilt Trail along the Highway 8 corridor.

Dave painted 5 large 8 X 8 quilt squares specifically for the Swedish Barn Quilt Trail, and many of his custom designs are included on the Quilt Trail. Dave also cut and primed the marine grade wood squares that local artists then painted for the barn Quilt Trail. He adds a seal coat before installing them, to ensure that all the barn quilts will last 6-10 years. Quilt squares are meant to hang on the exterior of a barn, but this project shows that you can customize any sized space with a “barn quilt.”

If you are interested in a custom quilt, please visit www.barnquiltsbyoaksy.com.