

Quilt # 66

QUILT NAME: “Weathervane”

LOCATION: **Pleasant Valley Orchard** – This 71-acre farm with its’ first tree plantings in 1990, has become a very well known, family owned orchard. Their goal is to provide quality strawberries, apples, pumpkins and fresh bakery products in a family friendly environment. **They were voted [Best Orchard in Minnesota in 2015](#) by WCCO Channel 4 news viewers.**

Pleasant Valley utilizes integrated pest management techniques, in cooperation with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture and the University of Minnesota, to manage the orchard. This means they minimize the use of pesticides, to protect the environment and to ensure our apples are absolutely free of any pesticide residues when we pick them. Their barn-red apple shed boasts spacious retail space with large windows providing great views of the orchard and St. Croix Valley. The interior is finished off with old red barn board, the tin off the original pole shed and features a wood burning stove to ward off the late fall chill. An adjacent red barn has an overhang that now houses the kids korral and is the starting point for hayrides. Orchard guests can relax on an old church pew or at picnic tables and enjoy the view.

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Dave Oaks started “Barn Quilts by Oaksy” shortly after he retired. 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 doesn’t consider himself an artist, but he is definitely a craftsman with an eye for artistic design! He built and painted 5 large 8 X 8 quilt squares specifically for the Swedish Barn Quilt Trail, and also does custom designs, including the “Weathervane” quilt design that was done for Pleasant Valley Apple Orchard.

If you are interested in a custom quilt square, please visit www.barnquiltsbyoaksy.com for more information.