

Quilt # 76



QUILT NAME: “Chisago Star”

LOCATION: Krawczewski Farm – A custom barn quilt by David Oaks, adorning a barn on a farm owned by Tom and Barb Krawczewski. This is a working farm with livestock, and corn, soybean and oats crops. Barn quilts hark back hundreds of years. They personalize and show pride in a farmstead.

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ARTIST: David Oaks, Stacy MN

Dave Oaks 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. He started building, painting and installing custom quilt squares at a few barns throughout the area. An article in the October 10, 2013 Chisago County Press highlighted some of Dave’s work (including the Krawczewski barn quilt). 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 built and painted 5 large 8 X 8 quilt squares specifically for the Swedish Barn Quilt Trail, and a few of his custom designs are included on the Quilt Trail brochure and web site. Dave is also the guy who cut marine grade wood and primed each of the quilt squares that local artists then painted for the barn Quilt Trail. He added a seal coat before installing them, to ensure that 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 for more information.