

Swedish Barn Quilt Trail is One of the Largest in Minnesota

Just over one year ago a barn quilt trail for the Chisago Lakes Area was simply an idea. The Chisago Lakes Area Community Foundation wanted to promote local businesses and create another draw for visitors to our communities. The Swedish Barn Quilt Trail is the largest quilt trail north of the Twin Cities Metro area.

We now can enjoy over 60 colorful barn quilts painted by local artists. Our quilt trail really captures some unique talent. These aren't all your typical quilt designs. Some of the complex ones took a hundred hours to create. Dave Oaks, a local resident, has a passion for barn quilts and has painted all the large ones in the area. He helped teach the local artists the techniques he uses and then each artist took home a square and made it their canvas of creativity. Dave also cut, primed, sealed and hung the squares. We could not have done it without him.

As you drive through our area the colorful squares reminds us that Life Really is Great on Highway 8!

Don't miss a single quilt square: Thank you to all of the sponsors for your enthusiastic support.

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We still have a few artists offering to paint a quilt square, so if your business would like to be added to the trail let us know. Louann (651) 398-7706 Brenda (651) 208-6793 or Noel (651) 398-7706 Dave Oaks would also paint you a custom quilt square for your barn or home. Contact him at (651) 247-9379