

Quilt # 52

QUILT NAME: “Comfort Food”

LOCATION: Swenson’s Lake House – CLOSED The restaurant opened in 2015 by two brothers in their home town. After much success in the restaurant business in the San Francisco area, Geoffrey Swenson helped his brother Cory, who was ready for a change of careers, try the restaurant business.

Their brother Daniel joined Geoffrey’s company in 2008, and is the managing partner of “Stacks San Francisco”. It was exciting to have family members join in his vision. They enjoyed the journey that only the hospitality industry brings, and hoped to bring provide happiness to the Chisago Lakes area through great food and conversation. *Unfortunately, to the disappointment of many loyal customers, the business abruptly closed in December, 2016.*

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ARTIST: Dave Oaks, Stacy

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 had part time jobs, but started building, painting and installing custom quilt squares at a few barns throughout the county. An article in the October 10, 2013 Chisago County Press highlighted some of Dave’s 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 is a craftsman with an eye for artistic design! He painted 5 large 8 X 8 quilt squares specifically for the Swedish Barn Quilt Trail, and also has done some custom designs that are included on the Quilt Trail map/brochure and web site. Dave also cut and primed the marine grade, wood squares that local artists 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 info.