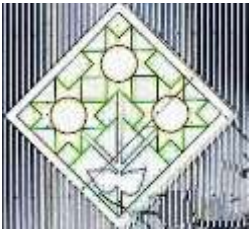


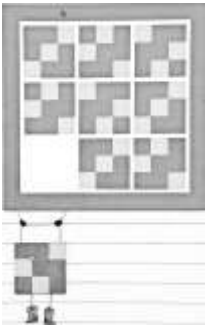
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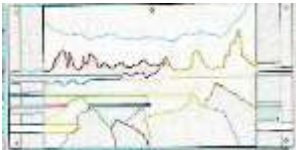
1 Sunflower Basket The Gateway Civic Center was built in the 1994 and serves as a multi-use facility and houses the city offices of Oberlin. The motto on the front entrance "Gateway to the Future: Window to the World" is the heartening attitude of the community.



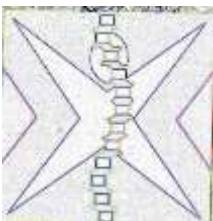
2 The barn art on the West side of Elm Street Storage Units were purchased in interest to promote the quilt trail project. The American flag design is in honor of our US troops in the sacrificial performance of their patriotic duty. The next piece of art displayed is the family's favorite NFL team - Denver Broncos.



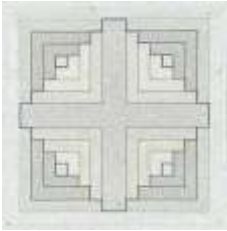
3 Mischief. My 4x4 Barn Art piece is named Mischief. I chose red, blue, and yellow, KU Jayhawk colors as my husband and I met at KU. We have made some mischief in the 44 years we have been together!



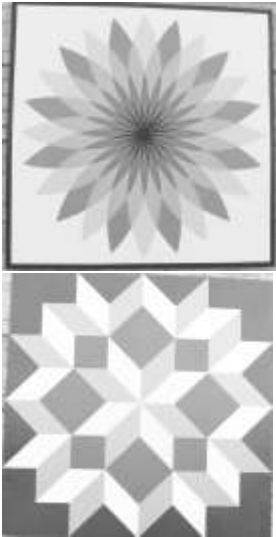
4 Artist Ann Miller's made this design



5 Healthy Mind and Body. This design is a dedication to a healthy spine which leads to a healthy mind and body. Unger Chiropractic Clinic continues a tradition of the healing arts and health of the community. The clinic was built in 1959 on the property just in front of the home of the Benton Family (1909) which was turned into the Benton Memorial Hospital serving the community from 1920's to 1950. Then served as a clinic for the next nine years. The structure was torn down and the Oberlin Clinic was constructed and served as the facility for the medical doctors. In 1980's, the Oberlin Clinic moved to its present location. Since then the clinic has served as a facility for Chiropractic Care, Health and Nutrition Services. Several Doctors of Chiropractic served the area. From 1986 Dr. Douglas Fair served the community for 25+ years with Dr. Ryan Unger joining the practice in 2000. He became owner in 2010 when Dr. Fair retired. Dr. Shannon Addleman has been an associate since 2007. The two Lion statues, which first set in the front of the Benton Mansion, have been watching the proceedings on North Penn Avenue for over a century from a home to a hospital and then a clinic.



6 We chose this design for our barn art because there is a cross at the center surrounded by the liturgical colors of purple, red and white. Our faith is the number one thing in our lives, and so everything revolves around it: our family, our business, our service to others. Pauls Funeral Home is housed in a building that once was the home of Northwestern Seed House, Barret's Electric Shop, and Montgomery Ward. Dick and Betty Pauls, owners of Pauls Funeral Home and Pauls Furniture Store in Selden, purchased and remodeled the building in 1984. They later added on to the building and did an extensive remodel in 1990. Their son and daughter-in-law, Rick and Dori Pauls, moved to Oberlin 1987 and purchased the business in 1994.



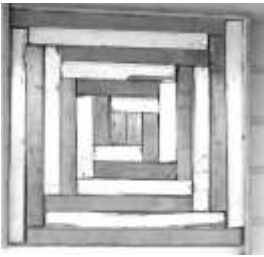
The 'BEE Building' aka, Business Entrepreneurial/Enhancement Center, is a business incubator designed to aid new business development is the site for these barn arts. The building was home of the Farmers National Bank which was first organized in 1886. For the first 62 years the bank remained at the location at 176 S. Penn which is the location for Ray Jewelry at present. It is a two-story building with vintage brick from the Oberlin Brickyards. As the bank expanded in the late 40's, they needed more space. This present building was then built in 1948. The bank had one of the finest and safest deposit vaults in the state. The Vault Room is still in the building.



8 Museum. From our history of pioneers and homesteaders, Indian Raids, our connections to people like Wild Bill (James Butler) Hickok, the Great Western Cattle Trail, ghost towns and more the Decatur County Museum is dedicated to preserving this history. The museum is located in beautiful downtown Oberlin, off Highways 36 & 83. The museum grounds feature fifteen buildings and more than 100,000 pieces of Americana History. We also feature six pieces of barn art. Three of those being Americana design.



9 The NW ¼ of Section 12 was homesteaded by James Riley in 1882. A small 4 square brick house was built on acres in this quarter in 1887, by Mr Otis Benton, who purchased the property. Over the years the house was added on to several times. Mr Benton had cattle, hogs, and an orchard. The Benton's moved into town to the mansion that he built in 1909. That mansion later became the hospital, but was eventually torn down. The carriage house still stands, but the mansion is gone. It was behind the chiropractic clinic on N. Penn.



9A Landmark Inn/Historic Bank of Oberlin Building and Decatur County Courthouse The Bank of Oberlin, located at 187 S. Penn in Oberlin, Kansas, housed in this building was constructed in 1886. This building also served as the Decatur County Courthouse and as First National Bank of Oberlin. This building was listed on the National Register of Historic Places since 1994. "It is a 28-by-60-foot (8.5 m × 18.3 m) two-story red brick building. The brick walls include corbelling and a herringbone panel beneath each window and are "beautiful", in contrast to the walls of many historic buildings in Oberlin that have been covered with stucco or siding.[2]:9 The Bank of Oberlin occupied the building until 1894, when it closed due to the Panic of 1893. Decatur County acquired the building as part of a settlement following the bank's failure, and it used the building as its first permanent courthouse until 1927." [2]:12

It was deemed significant "for its historical association with the growth and development of Oberlin" and "for its architectural significance as an Italianate commercial building. (Wikipedia) Across the street is the Decatur County Courthouse's present location and its cornerstone was laid in 1926. Oberlin is the county seat of Decatur County which was organized in 1879 and was named in honor of Commodore Stephen Decatur, a distinguished American naval officer.

The Landmark Inn has undergone restoration to bring the building back to the original look of its time. On the porch to the south is a barn art made of the ceiling boards of the building.



10 Flying Eagle. The design is a tribute to all the Veterans who served in all the wars defending our Freedoms we enjoy. Oberlin American Legion Post #70 and American Legion Auxiliary Unit #70. The Oberlin Legion was Chartered on September 10, 1919. When many veterans returned from World War II plans turned to a more permanent housing. In 1949 the Legion Memorial Building became a reality with the first meeting in October. In 1965 a dining room and new lounge was added to the north. In 1972 a new kitchen and storeroom were added. In 1967, the Avenue of Flags was initiated to fly the flags in honor of deceased Veterans at Oberlin Cemetery on Memorial Day.



11 Country Quilts & Keepsakes A great place for quilting materials and classes.



12 Sunbonnet Sue. The house which displays my design was built in 1947. I chose the Sunbonnet Sue design because my grandmother, Susie Unger, made me a quilt with that pattern when I was born in 1933. I still have it. The pink bonnet reminisce of my mother, Alvina Unger, who always wore a homemade sunbonnet on the farm and her favorite one was pink. The blue dress represents my Dad's (Tony Unger) favorite color. The white bows in the corners of the border represent the apron I made out of a feed sack with a white bow design as a freshman at DCHS home ec. It was always a special day to shop and pick out the sack of feed for my new dress my mother would make.



13 Faith Lutheran Church was established in 1955 in Oberlin, Ks. Design made by the children in their class.



14 Last Indian Raid Memorial This is the historical site for the graves of the victims that were killed, September 30, 1878, in the last Indian raid in Kansas. On that day a band of Northern Cheyenne Indians lead by Chief Dull Knife killed nineteen settlers along the Sappa Creek in Oberlin, Kansas before continuing north into Nebraska.



15 Sappa Park was a project in the 1930's to build a lake through the programs of President Roosevelt which were the Works Progress Administration, WPA. These programs were designed to put people back to work. The park was dedicated in 1939. When the lake filled up with silt over the years, the State of Kansas turned the property over to the City of Oberlin in the 1960's. Sappa Park today has been revitalized to a man-made wetlands, bike and hiking paths, a nine-hole disc golf course, and a shelter house. The park continues to be a work in progress making improvements as time goes on. Adjacent to the park is a 9-hole golf course.