

South East Trail



1 The Gail and Kay Marcuson Family roots began in the 1880's when his paternal grandparents, Svante and Augusta, migrated to Kansas from Sweden, homesteading in Summit township on the SW1/4 of Section 34. Gail parents were born in Decatur County. Gail and his youngest son formed a partnership in the 70's, where Brad Marcuson continues the farming tradition. Kay picked this design for the geometric look which seems to jump out at you. Also these are some of her favorite colors.



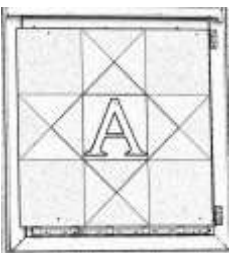
2 Great Western Cattle Trail, Highway 83 During 1874-1897, The Western Cattle Trail trekked from Texas to Canada with cowboys herding their longhorn cattle across the Plains States. The path taken through Decatur County traversed from the southeast crossing over now Highway 83 crisscrossing through the county northwesterly intersecting again over now Highway 36. These barn art designs represent the pathway taken by these hardworking men driving their herds and encountering many hardships while making a living from the land. These pieces have been posted at the markers set to show the spot.



3 This bright barn owl swooping down is similar to the pair of barn owls that live in this old grainary. This barn was a wheat storage grainary built in the 1940's. This quarter of land has been in the Muirhead family for over 120 years. Keith Muirhead, 90, can recall all the local farmers storing their wheat here and has vivid memories of the first electric auger used to get the wheat out. Jean Muirhead, current landowner, is David Muirheads daughter and first cousin to Keith. As you drive by look for the pair of barn owls sitting in the little grainary window above the barn art designed and painted by Norma Unger.



4 Brett and Tracie Jennings. The art design is placed on the Metal building erected in 2010

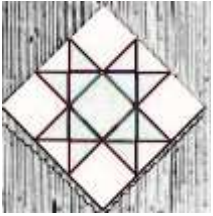
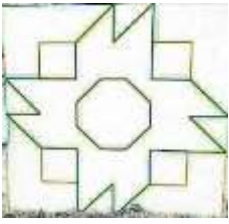


5 Ohio Star. The Ohio Star is the quilt pattern, with an A in the center, and was made by Gayle Anderson Carlson, our daughter.

The "old red barn" was built in the 1930's and restored in 1995. In the 1930's, they played pool in west side of the barn.

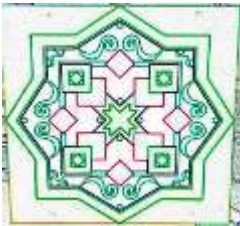
In the hay loft, a raised area was designated for the dance band, as many dances were held in the loft. Don and Lois Fredrickson were married in the house, now occupied by Merlin & Bonnie Anderson.

6 Dick and Betty Vahling

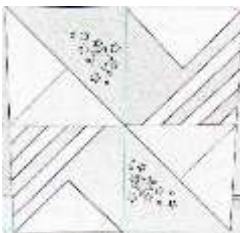


7 Sunflower. The 6' X 6" sunflower design was selected in memory of my mother who passed away in 2014. She was a collector of Sunflower memorabilia. I liked the simplicity of the design. The 2' X 2' on the west side was an additional piece created from a Barn Art Class held in Jennings. Our barn and 2.5 story home were built in 1904 by the Wylie Family. The bank barn has three levels. The lower level has stalls which held horses (used for farming). The ground level was designed as a granary with wooden bins on the inside for grain storage. The loft was used for hay storage. There is a pulley system in the loft that was used to raise the hay to the upper level. There are hay chutes in the loft that descend to the lower level mangers to feed the horses. The barn was on the Colby Community College/Prairie Museum of Art and History Historic Barn Tour in 2000.

8 Czech Egg. Jennings Czech Memorial Museum on South Kansas Avenue, Jennings Ks. This 4 X 4' barn art pattern was designed from a painted Czech Egg. The Jennings Methodist Church was built in 1893 and moved to this location in 1970. It now has become the local museum.



9 Czech Egg. Historic Windmill on Topeka Avenue, Jennings, Ks. The historic old wooden windmill was donated to the Historical Society of Jennings in 1970. This design was also taken from a painted Czech egg pattern. The Czech Egg: Easter is a joyous holiday in Czechoslovakia. When the Czechs arrived in Kansas they brought with them many traditions, one of them being the beautiful art of *kraslice*, which means beautiful or embellished egg. This technique of egg decorating originated well before the beginning of Christianity. The Czech eggs were exchanged by everyone for a new beginning, a symbol of love, friendship, and good things to come.



10 Patriotic The design was chosen since Vickie was born on the Fourth of July. This is a tribute to our forefathers who fought for the Independence of America and the freedoms we enjoy today. The home was built in the 1930's by Elvin Bailey. The house has had many remodels and add ons, even having suffered a fire and burning nearly to the ground. Mike & Vickie Bailey



11 This Patriotic design is placed on the barn at the farm of Lila Jennings in memory of those who served us in World War I. The barn was built in 1920 using the money from Roy Harris when he was discharged from the Navy after World War I. The land was purchased in 1899 by her grandparents, Samuel and Rose Harris.