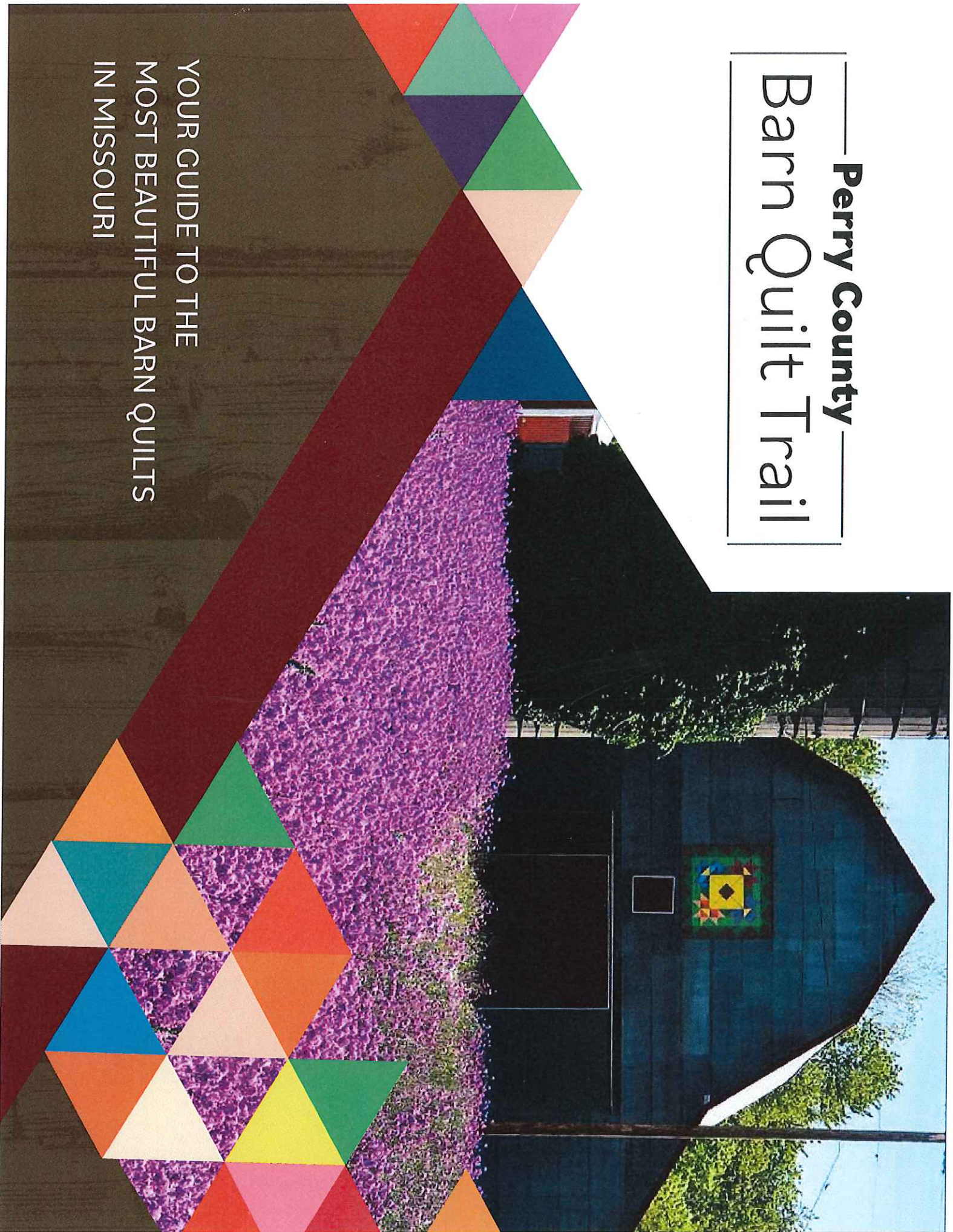


Perry County
Barn Quilt Trail

**YOUR GUIDE TO THE
MOST BEAUTIFUL BARN QUILTS
IN MISSOURI**



TAKING ART OUTDOORS

The Perry County Barn Quilt Trail is a self-guided driving tour of oversized traditional and original quilt patterns hung on barns in Perry County and northern Cape Girardeau County, Missouri. Visible from the public roadway you can enjoy a customized route of your choosing through our scenic countryside and agricultural landscapes of rural Southeast Missouri. Spend the day with us discovering these fascinating quilt gems paired with rural Missouri iconic barns. If you love quilts and barns this is the treasure trail for you!

INSPIRATION BEHIND THE TRAIL

Janet Brueckner Koenig was born and raised in Perry County, Missouri. She and her husband Willis have raised five wonderful children on their cattle farm near Farrar, Missouri. Now she enjoys many activities following their fourteen grandchildren ranging from showing cattle to basketball games. Janet is a huge St. Louis Cardinal baseball fan.

Janet's love for quilts began with her grandmother and mother who were avid quilters. She grew up learning the art of quilting from them and then about 15 years ago she saw her first barn quilt. Soon after she traded her needle for a paintbrush and began creating works of quilt art for barns around the Perry County, Missouri area. In 2014 Janet retired from a 49-year nursing career. Since then, she has passionately committed herself to spread the love for barn quilts throughout the Southeast Missouri region by not only creating her own pieces of art but by helping others create unique family heirlooms in their barn quilt designs.

Sharing her love for quilts, the history of barns, and telling their stories of styles, Janet continues to enjoy each step of her barn quilt journey in growing the Southeast Missouri trail.

PATCHWORK QUILTS

We unintentionally link the concept of the patchwork quilt with the romance of the North American pioneers and the colorful bedclothes that once were seen in grandma's house. It is synonymous with North American folk art, a way that was found to turn material necessity into many new forms of decorations so typical of that art. Traditionally made from generations of worn clothes by a family member the quilt has come to be a familiar symbol of family heritage.

The origin of this textile art form that is so beloved today could not have been a single stroke of genius; rather the roots of this tradition are widely branched like a family tree. They are found in the greatest variety of cultural, social, and industrial development.

BARNs

It is true. Old barns are a lot like people- they all have a story to tell. Their history from the ground up is as rich as the people who use them. In an agricultural landscape, nothing is more prominent than the barn and those who grew up on a farm know how important that barn was to the family that used it.

Barns in Southeast Missouri are a part of our landscape. These iconic structures not only make up our countryside, but they've served vital roles in the farming community. Many barns are disappearing due to lack of use or just wear of time. But the remaining structures today, are a treasured part of our agricultural history.

The most common style seen on our trail is the Gambrel barn, which has a roof built with a double slope on each side of the roof. The lower slope has a steeper roof pitch than the upper. This style was designed to allow the structure to hold more hay. The hay and grain were stored on the upper level and the stables for the animals were on the lower.

A lesser seen style is the Bank barn which is built into an embankment. This made it possible to provide access to both the first and second floors at ground level. The animals were also housed on the first level with the hay and grain on the upper level.

A few Monitor barns are also found. It is a barn that has the center portion of the roof raised from the main floor which is then supported by the addition of knee walls or short walls.

Also, found along the trail are majestic Gothic barns with large, curved roofs as their most prominent and distinguishing feature.

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PLEASE CUSTOMIZE YOUR TOUR TO YOUR LIKING. LISTING IS TO PROVIDE DIRECTIONS AND IS NOT MEANT TO BE A FAVORED ROUTE.

THIS IS A RURAL COUNTY TOUR. NOT ALL ROADS WILL BE HARD-SURFACED



1. 3798 Hwy A, Uniontown This beautiful white barn owned by Daniel Lueders, dons a quilt block made in the Dresden Plate pattern taken from a quilt Daniel's grandmother had made. Wilmer and Marie Lueders owned the farm previously since 1937.



2. 1481 PCR 917, Perryville owned by Derek & Kelley Dobbelaire. Kelley chose the "IH" pattern for Derek's birthday as a reflection on his childhood and his growing up helping his dad and grandpa on the farm. Hopefully, one day their three boys will have the same memories with their dad, grandpa, and great grandpa.



3. 120 PCR 451, Frohna owned by Michael and Lois Pilz. The farm was previously owned by Michael's parents Clarence and Dorothy Pilz. The majestic barn is of the gothic design two miles down Hwy Y, which features a unique curved roof, and according to Dorothy was built before they purchased the farm. The barn quilt design is "Twilight Night".



4. Lakewood Drive, Frohna visible from the entrance of Lakewood Drive, Frohna is on the barn to the right and is owned by Nathan and Becky Hunt. The pattern is "Corn and Beans" with a Pioneer emblem in the center, as Nathan sells Pioneer corn and bean seed. They also raise Limousin cattle seen in the surrounding field.



5. 100 Lakewood Dr., Frohna owned by Jordan and Rebecka Yamnitz. The pattern is "Carpenter's Wheel" in patriotic red, white, and blue. The barn quilt is mounted on the front of an old summer kitchen, located behind their house.



6. 183 Brazeau Creek Lane, Frohna owned by Clifford and Kathy Stueve. The pattern on the red barn is "Log Cabin". Cliff and Kathy are huge St. Louis Cardinal fans, hence the bird on the bat in the center.



7. 183 Brazeau Creek Lane, Frohna owned by Clifford and Kathy Stueve. To the right of barn quilt No. 6 on the white barn, is another barn quilt with the "Missouri Star" pattern. A portion of their farm is a Missouri Century Farm owned by Wilbert and Gertrude Stueve, Cliff's parents before them, and two generations before them.



8. 861 PCR 434, Frohna owned by Brent Roth. There are two 2x2 barn quilts on sheds which were painted by his daughters, Kallee and Lilly, during vacation bible school. Patterns are "Square in a Square" and "Stained Glass Cross".



9. 2150 PCR 436, Frohna owned by Joyce and Gail Theiss. The pattern, "Angus Star" was chosen by Gail, because of her love for animals.



10. 5361 Hwy D, Frohna owned by the Miesner Brothers. The pattern is "In the Garden" and was chosen because of the love of vegetables and flower gardening by the brothers, Terry and Michael who reside there.



11. 5529 Hwy D, Frohna owned by DM Koenig, LLC. The pattern "America the Beautiful" was chosen because of his deceased brother, Dennis, who had owned the farm, and was a member of the Missouri National Guard for over twenty years.



12. 16568 Hwy C, Frohna owned by LeRoy Fritsche. The pattern "Grandmother's Flower Basket" was chosen and painted by Janet Koenig, whose grandmother, Mary Hemman, had owned the barn. She loved flowers and was also an avid quilter. The barn is a Bank barn because it was built on an embankment. The upper level, which is where the hay was kept, is accessible to ground level and the lower level housed the animals and is also accessible to the outside by a door.



13. 19 PCR 328, Farrar owned by Steve and Ellen Frye, is currently Eggers and Company General Store Bed & Breakfast. Ellen's grandfather Martin "Tom" Eggers and his brother, Walter were the store owners from 1920-1966. Many original artifacts remain there in tribute to the Eggers family, the town of Farrar, and rural America in those decades. The quilt pattern is "Grandmother Flower Garden". The green colors are found throughout Egger's store and the purple appears in an old apron of Grandma Ella, which Ellen still has.



14. 509 PCR 343, Frohna owned by Gene and JoAnn Zoellner. The pattern is "Dresden Plate" chosen because JoAnn has made several quilts in that pattern and the colors, are shades of blue because blue is Gene's favorite color. The farm is a Missouri Century Farm which was previously owned by JoAnn's parents, Hilmer and Helen Stueve, and two more generations before them.



15. 1637 PCR 330, Perryville owned by Bill and Linda Holt. The pattern is "Log Cabin Star" chosen because Linda loves Log Cabin quilts. Linda's love of quilt making can be attributed to her mother, Olean Saffell, and grandmother, Mary Hemman who were avid quilters.



16. 414 West Street, Frohna owned by Brenda Musser on the shed owned by Marvin and Kathy Scholl. The pattern is "Waving American Flag". Brenda also owns a "Sunflower" barn quilt on a shed next to her house that she can enjoy by looking out her window, as she is not able to see the flag for her house.



17. 3419 Hwy A, Frohna owned by Gilbert and Donna Bock. The pattern is "Harvest Star" and the colors green and yellow were chosen to represent John Deere. The barn quilt was a 50th wedding anniversary gift from their children.



18. 1439 Hwy A, Uniontown owned by Ricky and Christine Best. The pattern is "American Star". Chris painted it in 2015 after seeing a barn quilt trail while vacationing in Wisconsin.



19. 12065 S. Hwy 61, Uniontown owned by John and Donna Telle. The pattern is "Martha Washington Star" with the Massey Ferguson emblem in the center. Most days you will see a Massey in use when you drive by. This is a Missouri Century Farm established in 1871. The barn was built in 1914.



20. 256 PCR 531, Perryville owned by Paul and Kathy Renner. The International emblem was chosen as Paul worked for International Harvester for thirty-seven years. The barn quilt is mounted on an old granary that was built shortly after 1897. The farm has been in Kathy's family for over 100 years.



21. 962 PCR 530, Perryville owned by Larry and Priscilla Hull. The 4X4 on their shed was a Christmas gift from their granddaughter. The colors green and yellow were chosen because Larry owns several John Deere tractors.



22. PCR 530, Perryville another barn quilt can be viewed on PCR 530 across the road from 1308. It is owned by Toni Ponder. Her husband farmed with Oliver tractors, and in fact, the family still owns several.



23. 6220 S. Hwy 61, Perryville owned by Scott and Stephanie Bronenkant. The pattern is "Snowflake" with an international emblem in the center. Scott owns a 1952 Farmall that he still uses. Many years Scott decorates a Farmall F12 with Christmas lights in December.



24. 2398 PCR 206, Perryville owned by Denis and Barb Ernst. The barn quilt pattern is "Friendship Star" and was a 2017 Christmas gift from their children. The barn previously used for dairy cows, hay/grain storage, and equipment were converted into Country Barn Antiques, which is a renowned furniture refinishing business.



25. 1600 Old St., Marys Road, Perryville The barn quilt, located within Perryville City limits, is owned by David & Brenda Stueve. It is adjacent to M&M Meats, a meat processing plant they operate. The pattern is simply known as M&M.



26. 221 Shawneetown Road, Shawneetown owned by Brian and Susan Wahlers. The pattern on his shed is "Shawneetown JD". He also has the "North Star" barn quilt on two sides of his barn behind the shed, and "John Deere in Paradise" on the back of his barn, which can be viewed from Cape County Road 514.



27. 2662 State Hwy C, Pocahontas on a barn owned by Doug and Patricia Overbeck. The pattern is "Friendship Star".



28. 3670 Cape County Road 522, Cape Girardeau there are two barn quilts on a milk parlor and a large barn owned by Marian Pruesser. "Carpenters Wheel" is on the milk parlor and "Gentlemen's Fancy" is on the larger barn. They were painted by Marian's daughter-in-law, Shirley. The farm has been in the Pruesser family for over 100 years, now farmed by sons, Steve and Jeff.



29. 75 Redbird Lane, Altenburg owned by Bob and Amy Birk. The pattern is "Team America". It was bought to support Saxony Lutheran High School. Amy stated, "We really liked the patriotic theme of the quilt along with the cross at the bottom, which represents the love of Christ for us."



30. 6125 Hwy P, Perryville on a shed owned by Mildred Bachmann. The pattern is "The American Flag" and was painted by her son Keith. He had seen other barn quilts going up in the area and decided to paint the flag. It can be seen a night as he put a light over it. The farm has been in the Bachmann family for three generations.



31. 2522 County Rd 401, Friedheim belongs to Arley and Nancy Berkbuegler. It is a short distance off the county road, but Arley does not mind if you drive down their lane to get a better look. It was painted by their daughter, Laura Schumer, and given to them the Christmas of 2016. It is called "Marian's Block" in memory of Arley's brother Marian. The farm has been in the Berkbuegler family for many years, dating back to the Spanish Land Grants.



32. 697 PCR 716, Perryville owned by Rick and Sue Kammler. This barn quilt is nestled on their farm, just past the community of Silver Lake. The pattern is "Starlight Log Cabin" and was chosen because the barn it is mounted on has a section that was built around the Civil War era and was constructed with logs. Sue has made a Log Cabin quilt in the past and they also received a Log Cabin quilt from Rick's mother in 1988. Rick, who is a retired resource forester with the Department of Conservation, wanted something to symbolize trees, so green was chosen for the dark color and yellow was chosen for the lighter colors to follow the theme of the pattern, Starlight.



33. 1985 State Hwy KK, Oak Ridge owned by Dennis and Beverly Hemmann. She chose "Stars and Checkers" as her pattern as she like the geometric pattern and color combinations, and of course, the "H" is for Hemmann. Their farm had been purchased in the mid-1940s by Dennis's father, John, and his uncle Ulysses Hemmann. Their son, Jeffery, resides in the original farmhouse.



34. 1408 PCR 518, Perryville owned by Lawrence and Shirley Buchheit. Their pattern is "Shirley's Ancestry". The colors represent John Deere colors, as Lawrence has used one for many years. Shirley's great, great grandmother was a full-blooded Native American from the Illinois Tribe, hence the feathers in the center next to the "B".



35. 1180 PCR 522, Perryville owned by Ann Welker. Her pattern is "Donald's Delight", and the colors were chosen to represent John Deere. Her husband, Donald, was a John Deere guy and was so proud to own/run John Deere equipment.

Being a farmer was his life and he was so proud and felt blessed to do that. He was excited when he got his tractor with a "buddy seat". His grandchildren have fond memories of their time riding with their grandpa. The farm was previously owned by Donald's parents. The barn once had a loft, but it was removed and replaced with truss rafters and made into a machine shed.



36. 9990 Hwy B, Perryville in the heart of Biehle on a barn owned by Larry and Karen Baer. Their pattern is a variation of the "Ohio Star". Karen likes the red and yellow color combinations. The barn was used mostly for horses due to its structure and layout.



37. 1770 PCR 606, Perryville owned by Roger and Cindy Besand. The barn does not have an address, but the nearest address is the one listed. Continue about a half mile down the county road. This farm was purchased in 1982, but the neighboring farm has been in the Besand family since 1920. The barn was built in the 1940s. They like the pattern "Sunflower" because it is a happy-feeling type of barn quilt.



38. 2823 State Hwy AA, Daisy owned by Ron and Janette Hoback. Their pattern is "Carpenter's Wheel" with an "H" in the center. Janette remembers helping haul hay in it with her grandpa, uncles, cousins, and dad, as a young girl.



39. 779 County Road 522, Jackson this beautiful collection of barn quilts is owned by Mary Koeberl Rechenberg. The one on the left is called "Iris in a Diamond" and was designed after a quilt that was made for her high school graduation. Her mother made the iris blocks, and she sewed them together and learned to quilt on them. The middle one's design was taken from a Christmas card and is called "Christmas Snowflake". The third one is called "Made in the USA" and was designed by Mary, who is a retired educator and now writes children's books.



40. 1405 PCR 300, Perryville on a barn owned by Phillip and Tammy Hacker. The barn quilt was put on by Phillip's aunt, Anna Hacker Lexow and is titled "Mother's Choice" or also known as "Dove at the Window". The colors represent John Deere colors, and the "H" of course is for Hacker. The farm has been in the Hacker family for four generations, first purchased by Phillip's great grandparents, Charles, and Gusta Hacker, then by their daughter-in-law, Irma Hacker, then by her children Robert and Anna Hacker Lexow, and now by Robert's son, Phillip.



41. 2607 PCR 616, Perryville owned by Bob and Ronnie Hershey this pattern was found amongst her Grandma's quilts, an older pattern called "Kings Crown". Bob decided this would be what he made for her 73rd birthday gift. Ronnie selected the bright colors. Proudly displayed on the barn at their farm, previously known as the Highland Blueberry Farm.



42. 5779 N. Hwy 51, Perryville owned by Mike and Sue Regelsperger this quilt pattern is known as "Patriots in Petticoats" from 1840. Also included are eight small stars for each family member that had served or is currently serving in the military.



43. 2720 S. Hwy 51, Perryville owned by John and Carlene Rauh. The pattern is the "Lone Star" quilt made by Carlene's mother. The barn quilt is lighted and can be seen at night. The farm is a Missouri Century Farm (1847) previously owned by Carlene's parents, grandparents, and earlier generations of the Bey family.



44. 4156 Hwy T, Perryville owned by Mike Warren. This pattern is known as "Simple Message" and was the inspiration for this not-so-simple design. The quilt block is uniquely lighted from behind the pattern with its own light source that Mike designed himself. This tiny house has a big message.



45. 336 E. South Street, Perryville owned by Justin & Stephanie Pyland. This sunflower pattern titled “Volunteer” was inspired by the local barn quilts and the volunteer sunflowers the birds plant each year in their yard. This quilt block can best be seen from their backyard view on St. Joseph Street.



46. At the junction of Hwy C and PCR 328, Perryville leads to the small community of Farrar. The barn quilt is on the side of the East Perry County Rural Firehouse and the pattern is “Log Cabin Cross” in patriotic colors signifying the love of God and country by the residents of the community and especially Salem Lutheran Church. It is dedicated to all the quilters past and present, in the area and especially the members of the Salem Lutheran Ladies Aid who are seven members strong and still meet every Thursday at the school to quilt.



47. 5367 S. Hwy 61, Perryville owned by Frank and Deborah Wideman. The design was chosen because it looks exactly like one of Deborah’s grandmother’s quilts. She used to design quilts and clothing for her family and community, so it was titled “Granny’s Star”.



48. 1173 PCR 801, Perryville owned by Brad and Christy Moll. The pattern is “Log Cabin” and was chosen by Christy because she has always liked that pattern. Their shed is called Copper Shack, explaining the shack in the center.



49. 920 PCR 728, Perryville on the south side of the barn is owned by Tom and Debbie Nation. The pattern is “Slip Knot”, and the barn quilt is titled “Circle of Life”. It signifies the five generations of Nations who settled and owned this property. Beginning with the red heart in the center, you see the given name initials along with paths in blue. Each generation provided a path toward the farm you see today.



50. 8844 Hwy D, Frohna owned by Don and Glenda Barber. It was a 50th wedding anniversary gift for them and the design was chosen because Don has been a “John Deere Guy” all his life. In fact, Don’s father Robert Barber, was part owner of a John Deere dealership in Perryville in the 1940s. He sold the

dealership to the Wichern family, who owned it for years. The farm is a Missouri Century Farm and has been in the Barber family for five generations.



51. 2095 PCR 706, Perryville owned by H. Wayne & Carol Taylor. The farm was previously owned by Wayne’s grandparents, John & Ora Taylor. The pattern is a variation of the Martha Washington Star and was chosen to display their love of “God & Country”.



52. 1590 PCR 810, Perryville owned by Dale and Nancy Monier. The pattern is a 4X4 “Sunflower” design which is hanging on their barn shed. A 2020 Christmas gift from their daughter, Kristi Meyr, and family, who also painted it.



53. 512 PCR 516, Perryville owned by Gary and Evelyn Pingle. The pattern is known as “We Are Family” and was designed by Evelyn including their names and their sons, Craig, and Keith. The “P” stands for Pingle. The farm was owned by Gary’s parents and grandparents before he and Evelyn moved there in 1989.



54. 652 PCR 424, Uniontown owned by Milan and Stephanie Klaus. The farm was purchased in 2016, a few weeks after we were married. We knew we needed a barn quilt as soon as we saw the beautiful barn! It was built in the 1940s with lumber cut from trees off the surrounding farm. The barn is slowly being restored and some of the lumber from it was used as flooring in our new house. The pattern is called “Carpenters Wheel”.



55. 2852 Hwy D, Perryville owned by Don and Diann Mueller. This barn quilt was named “Diann’s Delight” because Diann kept changing the pattern until it was to her liking and it’s mostly red because that is her favorite color. We bought the farm in 1978 with this big white barn beside the road. We used it for directions to our farm by telling people to look for the white barn right beside the road. We painted the barn red with white trim in 2020 before the barn quilt was put up. On our farm and in this barn are registered Polled Hereford cattle

which are now raised and shown by the fourth generation of Mueller's. One interesting fact about the barn is that the county road "D" used to run on the other side of the barn between the barn and the 140-year-old, two-story log home that we still live in.



56. 1374 Hwy U, Perryville

owned by Glen and Renee Brueckner. Renee created and added two reverse image 8-point star barn quilts for her son Nick since he has revived the family farm by starting a new cattle operation. They reminded her of the quilts Grandma Leona Brueckner made.



57. 1157 PCR 430 Frohna owned by Earl & Diane and Gene & Emily Weber, this design was a collaboration of ideas for the Weber Family Homestead established in 1892. The flag depicts our family's, patriotic heart. The Scripture verse (As for me and my house...) was on the outside of the house/barn of the ancestral home in Germany as a statement of the Weber family faith. We keep that tradition alive by considering this our Family Motto. Please feel free to come into the driveway to see it up close.



58. 157 Crosswinds Ln., Perryville is owned by Brandon and Kelly Buerk. The barn quilt is named "The Luther Rose". It was chosen because of both of their strong Lutheran roots. In the upper corner, you'll notice a cardinal on the bat and StL because Brandon is a big St. Louis Cardinal baseball supporter. They say this barn quilt has brought them much joy.



59. 1675 PCR 520, Perryville owned by Blake Krauss. The barn quilt was painted red and black to represent the Farmall H tractor his great grandfather bought new and that he currently owns and looks forward to passing on to his own children someday. The farm was bought in 1947 by his great grandparents, Howard and Loretta Krauss. The house was built in the 1920s and the barn shortly afterward.



60. 600 PCR 308, Perryville owned by Wayne and Lisa Hock. The barn quilt is titled "The Rising Sun".



61. 1280 PCR 314, Perryville owned by Kent and Dawn Kassel. This design is named "Kassel's Kastle" and was painted gold and blue, which are the colors of St. Vincent schools, where their three children attended.



62. 11987 Hwy T, Perryville owned by John and Dewanna Chappius is titled "Flying High". The farm was owned by Dave Chappius, John's father until he passed away on December 30, 2019. Originally meant to be a Christmas gift for John's dad, they decided to go ahead and have the barn quilt made in his honor since his dad was in the service and it resembles an eagle.



63. 1690 PCR 819, Perryville owned by John and Sarah Ruessler. The barn quilt is called "Stars and Stripes" and appears to be blowing in the breeze in this perfect rural setting. They chose this pattern because several family members are/have been in the military, and they wanted to show their support to them and display their own patriotism.



64. 4768 PCR 819, Perryville owned by Darren and Sue Allen and titled "A Sunflower". It was a Christmas gift from their son Daniel and his wife Emmilee. This one and the previous barn quilts are located in the community of Cedar Fork, so named because of the many cedar trees and forks in the road in the area.



65. 1582 PCR 716, Perryville owned by Toby and Amanda Layton. Given to them by their three children and their spouses as a Christmas gift in 2021. Painted by Janet Koenig & designed from a pattern selected by the Layton's daughter-in-law Faith. Koenig named the piece "Blushing Diamonds". The Layton's red and gray tin-sided barn was constructed in 2018 by Chad Taylor Construction.



66. 170 Cherokee Dr., Cape Girardeau owned by Ken and Karen Wilson is a “Carpenter’s Star/Wheel in green and yellow. This quilt really represents who we are. Ken built the barn by himself. Only the footings of the original barn were in place. Inside is his workshop. We used the colors green and yellow, as it is my favorite color combination.

ONE BLOCK AT A TIME


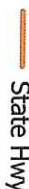



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- Quilt be 4ftx4ft or larger
- Able to view from a public roadway

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