

Calendar highlights local farm's barn

by Sue Sullivan

The 2009 "On the Farm" wall calendar published by Lang, includes an original painting of Duane Prinzing's Randolph farm, including the barn (August calendar page).

Available at Pine and Prints in Cannon Falls, the calendar pictures are painted by artist Rollie Brandt of Elko-New Market.

"I love painting the farms! I've met the nicest farm families and heard many stories," said Brandt.

With the neatly rolled hay bales in the foreground and the silo centering the painting, fluffy cumulous clouds drift gently in the pristine azure sky, giving the viewer a sense of calm restfulness.

According to Prinzing, Rollie Brandt drove by his farm during the summer months with her husband almost every weekend on their way to Red Wing. Attracted by what she saw, Rollie took a picture, and left a note on the door, as Prinzing was not home at the time.

"I thought it was pretty neat that my barn was selected. It is also the thumbnail for the whole year," stated Prinzing.

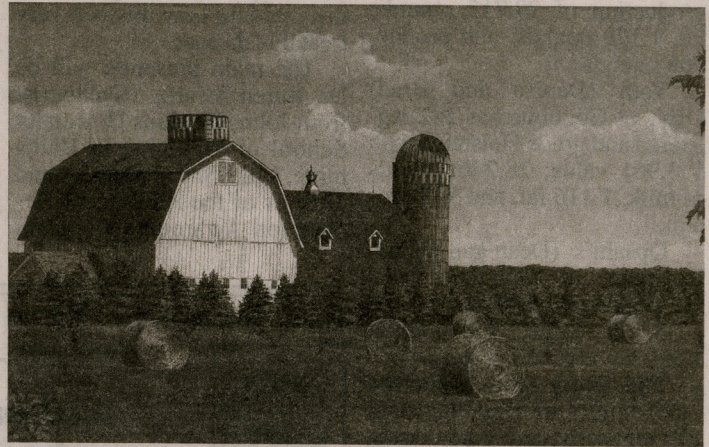


Artist Rollie Brandt displays her painting of Duane Prinzing's barn on the August 2009 page of Lang's "On the Farm" calendar.

Old barns are disappearing from the landscape as they are expensive to maintain and no longer needed for their above-the-stall square hay bale storage, according to Prinzing.

The photo was taken from the northwest, looking southeast.

To see all of Rollie's paintings of local farms and learn more about her "On the Farm" calendar, visit her website at www.RollieBrandt.com.



Amid the lush farmland near Cannon Falls, Duane Prinzing's well-kept barn testifies to a disappearing era when square hay bales were hoisted into storage above the cattle pens. Featured in the 2009 "On the Farm" wall calendar for August, artist Rollie Brandt captures the essence of the family farm. The 2010 "On the Farm" calendar is coming out soon, again featuring local family farms painted by Brandt. She has just finished 12 paintings for the 2011 calendar as well.