

PENINSULA TOWNSHIP

MAJOR ROADS

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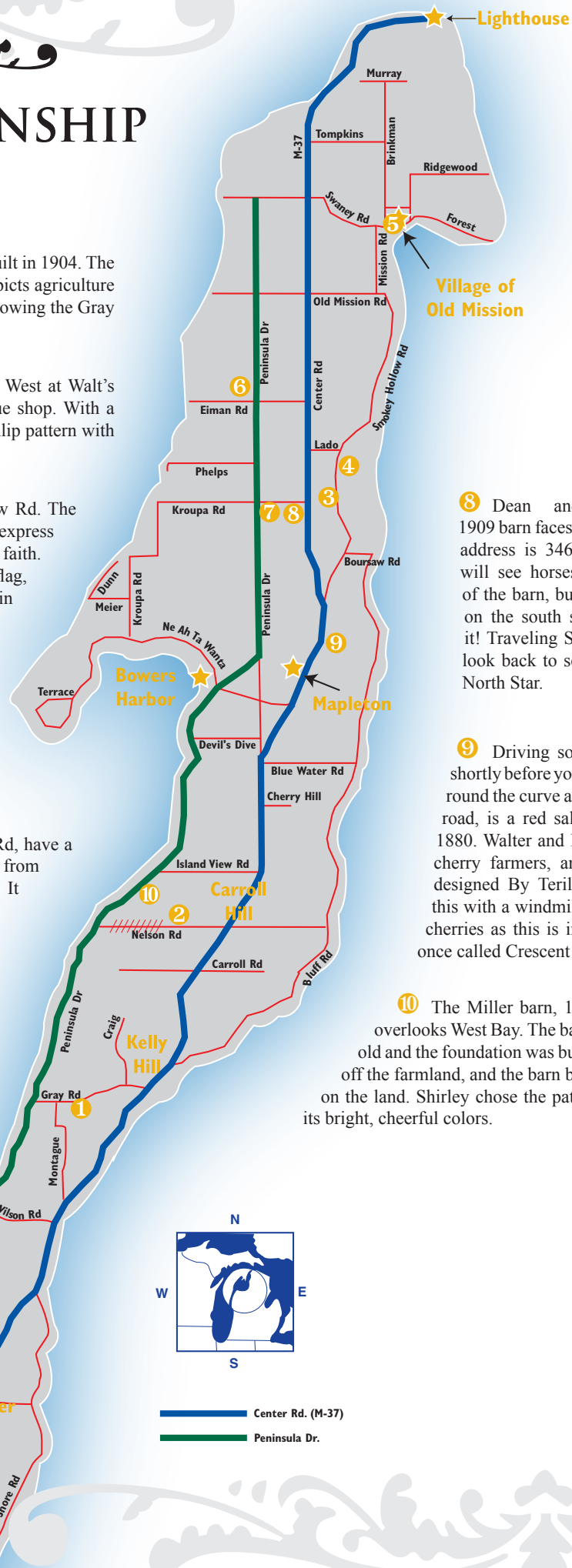
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8 Dean and Laura Johnson's 1909 barn faces Center Rd, but their address is 3464 Kroupa Rd. You will see horses grazing out front of the barn, but the quilt square is on the south side. DON'T miss it! Traveling South on Center Rd. look back to see Laura's stunning North Star.

9 Driving south on Center Rd., shortly before you come to Mapleton, round the curve and there, snug to the road, is a red saltbox barn. Built in 1880. Walter and Mary Johnson were cherry farmers, and the quilt square designed By Terilee Johnson depicts this with a windmill design around the cherries as this is indeed a windy hill, once called Crescent Hill.

10 The Miller barn, 12026 Peninsula Dr. overlooks West Bay. The barn is over 100 years old and the foundation was built from rocks taken off the farmland, and the barn built from timber cut on the land. Shirley chose the pattern Arrowhead for its bright, cheerful colors.



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Special Thanks To All Our Volunteers who Contributed their time and talent to make the Quilt Barn Trail of Old Mission Peninsula a success, and, a reality. They all had a wonderful sense of the importance of our heritage displayed through quilts on our historic barns. It was truly a community project.

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For much more information on all the barns Mentioned please refer to BARNES OF OLD MISSION PENINSULA AND THEIR STORIES by Evelyn Johnson.
Also on the web: barns of old mission.com