



Art, Stained Glass, Quilts & More! A Gallery and Studio Tour

WINTERSET SQUARE



1869 Bird's Eye View Map of Winterset

Madison County, Iowa

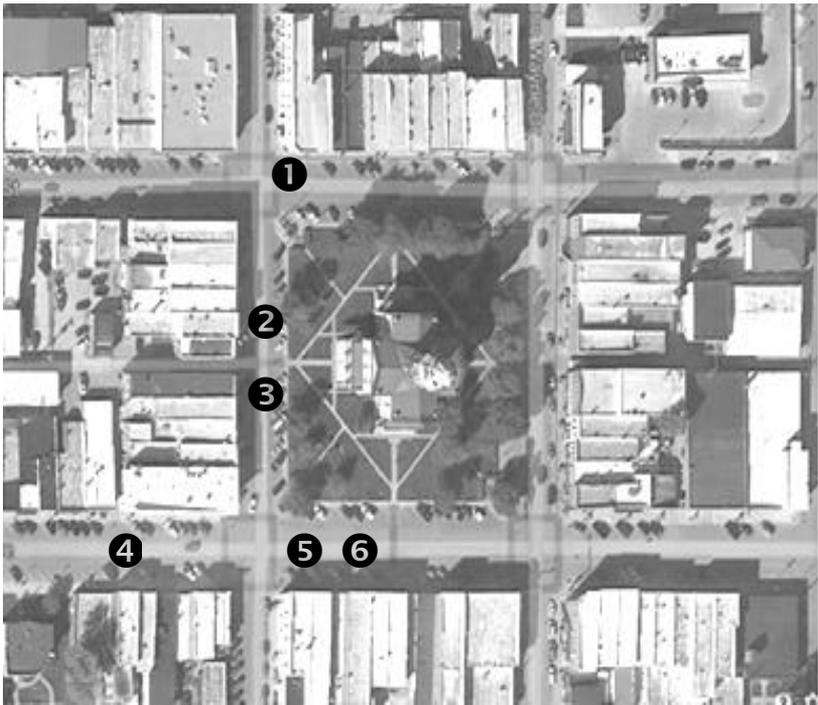


Winterset's Creative Spaces

As you stand in the Winterset Square, imagine that you are in the midst of an outdoor art gallery. The Courthouse is a priceless work of art nestled in the center. The buildings in all four directions are each a unique monument to history, created by builders and owners with an artistic vision.

This walking tour will introduce you to a few of these gems, the businessmen that built them, and the artists who currently use them as creative spaces.

You can locate the buildings on the map using the numbers below take correspond to the numbers on the following pages



Tour Sites

On your tour, you will visit these artists and buildings.

❶ **b.shannon design**

Owner/Artist: Brooke Sutphin

Historic Building Name: Citizens State Bank

One of a kind jewelry and artwork

❷ **Angel Wings and Country Things**

Artist: Nicole Kems

Historic Building Name: Gilpin Building

Variety of vintage treasures, clothing, and jewelry

❸ **Heartland Fiber**

Owner/Artist: Amy Sawyers

Historic Building Name: White and Munger Woolen Outlet

Unique Craft yarns, fibers, and supplies

❹ **Madhaus Gallery**

Owner/Artist: Robin Paul and John Gaps III

Historic Building Name: Winterset Madisonian Newspaper

Eclectic gallery plus artists' studios

❺ **Piece Works Quilting**

Historic Building Name: Terrill & Tidrick Dry Goods

Nationally known quilting authority

❻ **Madison County Mercantile**

Owner: Shirley Roach

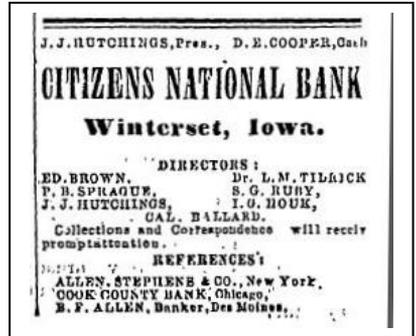
Historic Building Name: Koser Bros. Dry Goods

Variety of gifts, clothing, jewelry, antiques, and more

① b.shannon designs in the Citizens State Bank

Joseph E. Hamilton (1864~1941) dealt in land sales and was at the helm of the Citizens National Bank when this building was built. “J.E. Hamilton and Sons” can be seen at the top of the building.

1874 Ad in
Winterset Madisonian



The Citizen’s National Bank building was built in 1880 as a joint project between the bank and the Duer & Beerbower Grocery to the north. In 1918 the bank moved to a new building across the street. Since that time the building, with the vault still intact, has housed various stores and offices including a book store and now the b.shannon jewelry design studio. Notice the original tile floor, marble

wainscoting, and marble bench under west windows. The second floor has housed law and doctor offices, while activities in the basement included a barber shop and a pool hall, accessed by the stairs, whose railing is shown to the left of the building in this drawing.



1889 Drawing

A Grand Design

Brooke Sutphin, owner/artist at **b.shannon designs**, has been designing and creating jewelry since graduating from the University of Kansas, with a BFA in design, in 1995. Her influences include architecture and dramatic organic forms in nature. The result is mediums combined into a wearable form of metal and stone that excites and delights the eye.

She works in a variety of metals, from silver to platinum and uses a wide selection of gems and stones, from rough turquoise and pearls, to fine diamonds and precious gems. Brooke is always looking for that unique combination and contrast, high polish mixed with unusual textures, that make her one-of-a kind creations a piece of wearable art.



Her experience with personal adornment and relationships with individuals and the symbols they wear helps her to rework existing pieces or create a completely original custom design. She also offers a personalized jewelry portfolio service if you are interested in updating your wardrobe accessories or redesigning your existing jewelry.

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② Angel Wings and C(ountry) T(hings) in the Gilpin Building



Local builder/contractor, T.F. Mardis constructed this building in 1882 for owner Samuel J. Gilpin, a noted attorney in Winterset.

A men's clothing store occupied the first floor in 1887 and men's clothing was sold there for the next consecutive 100 years. It is believed that the Gilpin family lived in the second story since there was a law suit over a second story window in

an adjacent building. The local newspaper printed that Gilpin "objects to the window as overlooking his premises in a way to interfere with the privacy of his family."

As you look towards the roof, you will see a highly decorative pressed metal cornice on the pediment including the iron grillwork across the top of the cornice. By the 1940's, the original transom area above the storefront had been replaced with an Art Deco glass tile transom that spelled out "Chas. Rowe," the owner of the clothing store in the building at the time.

By 1887, the main occupant of the store unit on the first floor was the Hadley & Company Clothing Store. This had become Rowe Clothing by 1950 and Wright's Clothing by 1958

Photo to right: 1940's; the Rowe sign is now housed. at the Madison County Historical Museum



Vintage Revived in an Angelic Fashion



Angel Wings and CT is filled with irresistible vintage charm, offering a variety of items including new women's clothing, home and garden accents, repurposed décor, jewelry, antiques, vintage items and more. Owner, Nicole Kems' love for objects from the past has fueled her passion to create one-of-a-kind items from her collection of trinkets, baubles, vintage notions, and other found objects. You can see her creations in process when you visit her store, as her studio and custom order area share the same space.

Her specialty is making angels using architectural salvage. She also works with your family treasures such as vintage jewelry, pocket watches, and silverware to preserve her customer's vintage relics into a functional décor or a delightful wearable.



Visit with Nicole about her passionate journey and her dream of having a shop on the downtown square. After moving her business six times and being located in various surrounding locations in Winterset, she celebrates her current location.

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③ Heartland Fiber in the White and Munger Building

This Italianate style two-story brick building was constructed in 1874 with an iron storefront, parts of which remain, and native limestone quoins. The three windows are hung under ornate terra cotta hoods. The keystones have downward facing feminine facial images framed by trail leaves.



White, Munger, Herren & Co. built this two-story brick store to expand the retail portion of their woolen mills located 1½ miles west of Winterset that employed 20

people. Their business specialized in the manufacturing of “all kinds of Cloths, Jeans, Tweeds, Yarns, Cassimeres, Flannels, Waterproofs, Rolls, Satinets, Blankets, Beavers, etc.” A tailor shop occupied the second floor.

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1 yd. best Jeans for 1 lb clean Wool.
1 " " Flannels " " " "
1 " " Suitings " " " "
1 " " Wool Tweed 1/2 lbs " "
**The Highest Market
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WHITE, MUNGER & CO.
WINTERSSET, MO.

However, the company took a very dramatic turn in 1877 when the mill, west of town, burned down. In that same year White & Munger closed their store.

Subsequent occupants were primarily dry goods and hardware stores on the first floor and professional offices on the second. From 1956 until 2014, a jewelry store was the occupant and owner.



A Heart(land) for Renovation



It is fitting that a building that was originally the retail store for a woolen mill now houses an upscale fiber shop. Store owner Amy Sawyers and her ‘posse’ purchased the building in early September 2014

and, amazingly, had the retail space ready to move into one month later.

The second floor remodeling was completed in February 2015 which the posse celebrated with an open house for the community. It holds three office spaces, kitchenette, restrooms, and a “Gather Space” that overlooks the Madison County Square and Courthouse.



Before and after photos of second story prime office space

Heartland Fiber isn’t just about selling fibers and notions. They offer a wide range of classes, plus participate in many community events.

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④ Madhaus Gallery in the Winterset *Madisonian* Building

During its 50th anniversary year (1906), the Winterset *Madisonian* newspaper moved into a new building, built specifically to house their presses and news organization. Look for the name and year incorporated into the parapet. The main façade is built in Chicago style with light and dark colored salt fired brick and very narrow pink brick-colored joints. The west side of the building is polychrome common brick and has these words painted near the top: “*Madisonian* est. 1856.”



1940's photo prior to the construction of an adjacent building to the west



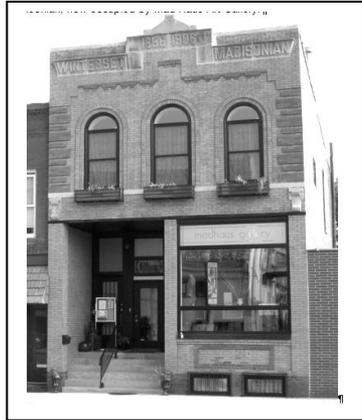
Basement pressroom, soon after locating here in 1906

Home Sweet Studio

Located in the heart of Winterset, Madhaus Gallery is the home of artist Robin Paul and photographer John Gaps III. They purchased the building with the purpose of renovating it as their home and gallery/studio, allowing them to move out of a corporate life into full time artistic endeavors.



Robin is a not only a glass artist and painter, but also enjoys mixed media, incorporating a variety of other disciplines. In the studio, she teaches and creates stained, fused, and cast glass art pieces, mixed media work, and various hand crafts (felted, weaving, lamp work, silk painting, Arashi Shibori silk, ceramics, etc.).

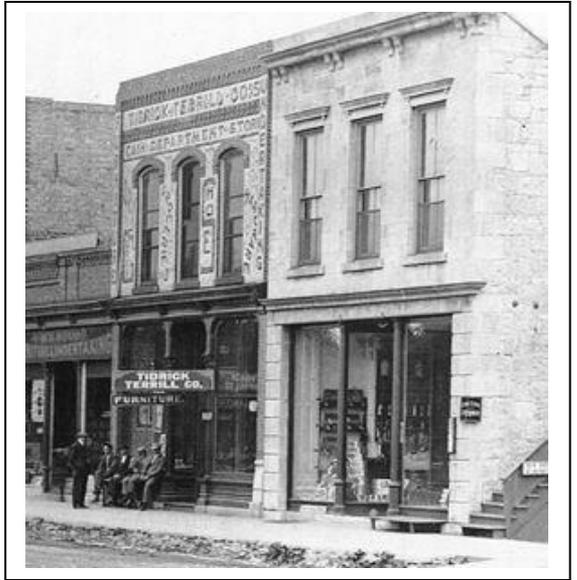


John has been a news photographer for most of his career, including time as a staff photographer for The Associated Press. His color photographs of nature scenes display his eye for the abstractions produced by atmospheric events. John's creative endeavors include writing and producing films.

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⑤ Piece Works Quilting in the Tidrick & Terrill Co. Building

This two story brick Italianate began as a one story building in 1880 but was enlarged with a second story in 1895. Historic photographs show the name “TIDRICK TERRILL CO.” painted across the top and “CASH DEPARTMENT STORE” was painted above the window hoods. Painted down the second story pilasters was the word “FURNITURE” on the left side and “UNDERTAKING” on the right. All of the painting was a light background with darker unpainted brick letters showing through to form the letters.



The original display windows and transoms are framed with wood and have wood kick plates. At either side of the entrance there is an iron column with a round base, fluted shaft, and Corinthian capital.

The Breeding’s Hardware store continued the work of Tidrick and Terrill for over 80 years starting in 1920.

Calling All Quilters

Piece Works Quilt Shop is a full-service quilt shop offering thousands of bolts of fabrics for you to choose from. They also feature tools, threads, and notions to make your quilting experience faster, easier, and more accurate. A variety of classes for all skill levels are offered in their main level classroom. Their exclusive quilt patterns may be purchased at the store location as well as from their online store.



Manager Tony Jacobson is a nationally-known quilt designer and teacher. He has been creating art quilts for many years and says, “The art quilts are something that I do just for myself and if someone else likes it, all the better.” He’s constantly searching for techniques that will make the quilting process more accurate as well as easier and faster.

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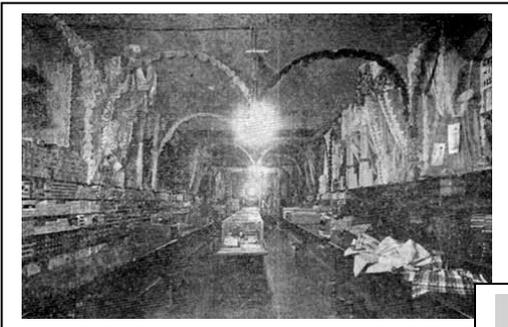
⑥ Madison County Mercantile in the Koser Brothers' Building

Originally this was a one-story building, built in 1889 to house the Koser Bros. dry goods store and the storefront featured floor to ceiling plate glass windows.

When electric lights came to Winterset that year, the Koser's Crystal Frost was planned to be lit by electricity. On Thursday evening, March 13, 1890, everyone was invited to see the merchandise at the Crystal Frost. Twelve to fifteen hundred people came to the grand opening to see the "artistic arrangements of goods."



Koser Bros must have specialized in display. This picture from 1899 shows their electric lights and an extravagant arrangement. The local paper described the scene: "Koser Bros.



redecorated their store using hundreds of yards of bunting to form booths, each of which was used to display a different line of merchandise."

The second story was added in 1901.



Hometown Proud

Since 1995, owner Shirley Roach has been providing Winterset with new and unique items as well as vintage merchandise displayed in original wooden cases and wall recesses. Her eclectic boutique features an extensive assortment of antiques, the work of contemporary artists, upscale clothing , new and vintage jewelry, Madison County items, and a wide variety of gifts and collectibles.



Original tin ceiling and wooden counter

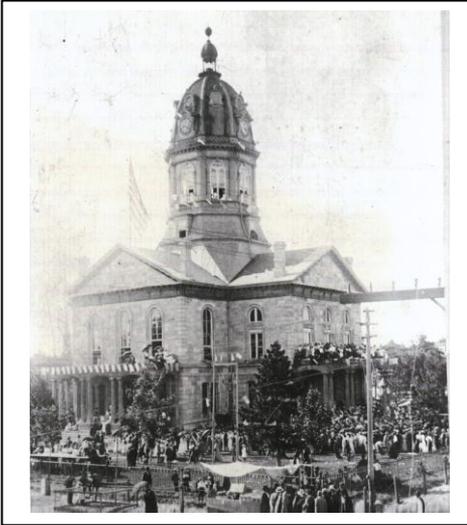


Shirley and her husband, Bill, are life-long Madison County residents. They have also remodeled an 1878 10-room Victorian home in Winterset.

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And...The Madison County Courthouse

Our courthouse is the third one built in Madison County. The first was a log cabin one block east of the square at the location of Monumental Park. The second one, very similar to the present, was built in 1869 but burned in 1873, with no insurance.



c. 1900, probably July 4th celebration

The work of art before you was finished in 1877 for a cost of \$120,000. Because of the loss of the first stone courthouse to fire, the second was built to be more fire proof, with the “floors consisting of brick arches leveled up with concrete and walls either of stone or brick and the dome constructed of metal”. Recent renovations include the repair and painting of the dome plus reshingling the roof, both under the direction of the OPN architectural firm.

The Courthouse was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1976.



This photo of an 1880's gathering of women in the courtroom is perhaps related to education or temperance. The room now has a dropped ceiling but the original ceiling, light fixtures and balcony can still be viewed from the third floor.

Thank you

for your time in taking this walking tour.
We hope you have enjoyed learning about
the building histories, their preservation, and their current uses.

Thank you to those artists who opened their creative space.
The Winterset community appreciates the artistic endeavors
of the current individuals who care for these buildings
and continue to contribute to our heritage.

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