



Barn Number 33

Historic Name: James Meyer Barn
Address of Barn: 15090 Beaver Marsh Road,
Mount Vernon
Built Date: 1927
Built By: James Meyer
Barn Style: Gothic
Features: Hay Hood

History: Otto Van Dyke, James Meyer's uncle and former mayor of Oak Harbor, gave his nephew the blueprints for the barn. The barn is a smaller copy of the historic Neil Barn (the Roller Barn) in Oak Harbor that Otto built. The downstairs portion of the Meyer's barn held dairy cows, a car and the family horses. Hay was stored aloft. The Meyers also built a silo, large henhouse and a small hay barn that was attached to the west side of the barn. In the 1950s, the farm was sold to one of the first bulb farming families in the Skagit Valley. They stored the bulbs in the barn. Today the fields surrounding the barn are leased to a local bulb farmer. Thousands of tourists drive by every spring and photograph the old barn amongst the flowers.

The Barn has been totally re-sheathed with ½" plywood, and re-sided with original profile 105 cedar siding. It has all new paned windows and has been totally repainted. The windows are historically correct for the time period of the barn. There has been structural work done on the inside and it is currently used as storage and woodworking shop.