

Texas Road Art Musing
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The artistic expression of the people who live or have lived in the Texas Hill Country never ceases to enchant me. Searching for the hidden treasures of creativity to be found on the back roads is my favorite part of the exploration. You never know when you will come round some bend and discover a bale of hay dressed like a turkey, or some Texas cowboy dummy leaning up against a barbed-wire fence, or an ostrich made out of metal, or a bizarre pumpkin head sitting on some forlorn fence post, or boots adorning every post, or mailboxes adorned with Texas trinkets, etc.



One day when I came across a wooden leg hanging on a gate as the decoration, I found myself wondering, “Now do they sit around one day and say to each other, ‘Honey, I think that we ought to put that wooden leg out on the gate today. It would shorely make a mighty fine decoration.’ Or what?”



You can really witness the pride of Texas out there on the roads by noticing how much they use the symbols of Texas in their works of country yard expression. I try to capture these objects and bring them to you in my books as pictures to search for in Scavenger Hunts. Check out my most recent Texas flavor finds on the road!