

Barn Quilt 337 Features Fall Colors

Shawano County's 337th barn quilt features a leaf painted in colors normally seen in the fall, thus the name Fall Colors. The quilt has been sponsored by Allard and Tammy Meverden and is on display on their farm at W17472 Shepley Road north of Wittenberg. "We wanted a pattern that was bright and colorful and the one we chose reminds us of the beautiful fall leaves and colors we see in our woods," Tammy said.

Ed and Lois Meverden, Allard's parents, purchased the farm in 1965 from Henry and Matilda Beyersdorf. The farm consisted of 190 acres of combined crop and wooded land. The barn had stanchions for 45 cows, but they started out with six Holstein dairy cows and milked in buckets. They slowly grew the herd and put in a barn cleaner, built silos and installed a pipeline milking system.

Ed and Lois raised six children, three of whom have continued in dairy farming.

Allard and Tammy purchased the farm in 2002. In 2012, the barn was remodeled with the stanchions taken out and a milking parlor installed. Currently the Meverdens milk 95 Holstein cows and have 295 acres of land. Over the past several years, additional buildings have been built to accommodate the growth.

The Meverden barn quilt was painted by the Shawano County barn quilt committee and was put on display by LeRoy Raddant and Brekken Kleinschmidt of Raddant Electric in Shawano.

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