

Shawano County Barn Quilt Project Debuts

The Shawano County barn quilt is underway, with the first quilt now on display on a barn owned by Carl Gruenwald on Rasmussen Road west of Caroline. The quilt was designed and painted by members of the Caroline Aces 4-H Club, guided by leaders Marti Riemen and Janet Brehm.

“Hopefully various 4-H clubs in the county will paint a quilt and they can be put on barns around the county so we could set up a barn quilt tour,” said Patti Peterston, tourism manager at the Shawano Chamber of Commerce.

The project is patterned after barn quilts Jim Leuenberger, project coordinator for Shawano County had seen in other states. This past summer, he proposed the idea of making barn quilts to local 4-H club leaders. Several agreed to make quilts. It is hoped that other clubs and organizations will produce quilts to be mounted next spring.