

Cats Influence Design for 52nd Barn Quilt

Marc and Wendy Panaro, who now reside in Milwaukee, have sponsored Shawano County's 52nd barn quilt as part of the countywide project started by Jim Leuenberger of Shawano a little over a year ago. The quilt is on a barn at W10151 State Highway 29 on the family farm Wendy inherited from her dad, Otto Timm, after he died in 2008.

The quilt pattern, called Nine Lives, was chosen since Marc and Wendy both love cats. "We wanted a pattern that portrayed our passion for cats and we think the design fits us *purrfectly*," Wendy said.

Marc and Wendy decided to get involved in the barn quilt project for several reasons. "The designs are beautiful," Wendy said, "and they are fun to see as you drive around picturesque Shawano County. We look forward to seeing each new addition as it is posted on the Shawano Chamber Web site. Having grown up in the community and now having inherited my dad's farm, we like being part of the community by participating in the barn quilt project."

The farm Wendy now owns was purchased by her grandparents Albert and Minnie Timm in 1923. Her dad, Otto, was born on the farm in 1925 and took it over in the 1950s. The barn was built in the early 1900s. Wendy, who had two siblings, is the only living member of the family.