

Shawano's 110th Barn Quilt is "Optical Illusion"

Scott and Georgia LaBrosse, W7401 Cloverleaf Lake Road, Shawano, have sponsored Shawano County's 110th barn quilt. Called "Optical Illusion," the quilt block is now on display on their barn just southeast of Shawano.

Scott and Georgia purchased the farm in December 1999 from the Zarling family. It had been in the Zarling family since at least 1918. "Even though we've now been here more than 10 years, people still refer to it as the 'Zarling' farm," Georgia said. The Zarlings always had a dairy herd on the farm.

Scott and Georgia enjoy their farmette with its Registered Boer goats, horses, chickens, occasional steers and hogs, and lots of cats.

Scott and Georgia first heard about barn quilts from an article in a goat magazine a few years ago. After they started seeing them in the Shawano area, they decided it was something they would like as well. "It seems like if you have a red barn, you pretty much should have a barn quilt on it," Georgia said. "We just love ours and find it a welcome addition to our hobby farm."

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