

Shawano's 114th Barn Quilt is a Card Basket

Victor and Ann Reeder have sponsored a barn quilt that is now on their beautiful barn at W18340 Short Lane just south of Eland in western Shawano County. The pattern they selected for their barn quilt is called "Card Basket." It is the 114th barn quilt to be put on display in Shawano County since the project was started in 2010 by project coordinator Jim Leuenberger.

In 1968, while camping in the area, Victor and Ann noticed a "For Sale" sign on the property. So they made an offer on it and shortly thereafter moved to the farm from Chicago with their four sons and two daughters. The farm at the time was owned by John and Mary Armstrong. The land was originally owned by Henry Colt starting in 1866 and had several owners over the years.

The 200-acre farm was operated as a dairy farm, and after Victor and Ann purchased it, they raised livestock but did not milk cows. The livestock gave Victor and Ann's children the opportunity to be in 4-H and have livestock as their projects.

Over the years, Victor and Ann have operated a custom glass business, manufacturing insulated windows. Today they have plants in Schofield, Wisconsin and Salisbury, North Carolina. When Lambeau Field in Green Bay was renovated a few years ago, the Reeders did all the custom glass work for the project.

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