

Star and Arrows Pattern is County's 155th Barn Quilt

Judy Waldvogel, N12090 County D, Antigo, has sponsored Shawano County's 155th barn quilt. It is on a wood shed on a farm purchased by her dad, Max, in the late 1960s. The shed is one of the original buildings on the farm that was originally owned by Joe Artz. Artz was a dairy farmer until he sold his cows and became a cattle hauler.

Judy's dad had planned to have the 40-acre parcel as a hobby farm in his retirement. However, the night he was moving to the farm, he died behind the wheel of his vehicle. Judy has lived alone in the original farmhouse since her husband, Bob, died, in 2001 and her mom in 2004.

After Judy started seeing the barn quilts popping up around Shawano County, she thought she'd like to have one too. So she inquired about getting one and now has Shawano County's 155th barn quilt on her farm. The pattern she chose is called Star and Arrows. It was painted by the Shawano County barn quilt committee and was put up by LeRoy Raddant and Bruce Teetzen of Raddant Electric in Shawano.

"The barn quilts really catch your eye," Judy said, "and are really brightening up the Shawano countryside."

Anyone who would like to participate in Shawano County's barn quilt project can contact project coordinator Jim Leuenberger at 715-524-5685 or via email at jamesmleuenberger@yahoo.com. You can also contact Patti Peterson, tourism manager at the Shawano Chamber of Commerce. Her phone number is 715-524-2139 and email tourism@shawano.com. A link on the Shawano Chamber Web site includes photos and information on every quilt on display in Shawano County. Just go to www.shawanocountry.com and click on the barn quilt icon.