

## County's 194<sup>th</sup> Barn Quilt Honors Mother's Flowers

Bruce Buettner has sponsored Shawano County's 194<sup>th</sup> barn quilt that is now on display on his farm at N5596 Range Line Road, Shawano. The pattern Bruce chose for his barn quilt has been named "Eleanor's Flower" in honor of his mother, who loved flowers. It is on a steel shed and is easily seen when traveling west on Highway 29 a few miles west of Shawano.

Bruce is the fourth generation on the farm that began operation in 1883. The farm totals 500 acres of owned and rented land that is mostly cash cropped. Bruce also has a 50-cow Holstein dairy herd.

The original owner of the farm was Fredrick Brawer, whose daughter, Anna, married Gerhardt Schuster. Schuster's daughter, Eleanor, married Rudolph Buettner, Bruce's dad.

"Mom always loved flowers," Bruce said, "so I thought it would be appropriate to put a quilt on our farm to honor her memory." It is the second barn quilt for the Buettner farm. The first was sponsored by Bruce's 1970 Shawano High School graduating class and is of a Country Schoolhouse.

The Buettner barn quilt was painted by the Shawano County barn quilt committee and was put on display by Bruce Teetzen and LeRoy Raddant of Raddant Electric in Shawano.

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](mailto:jamesmleuenberger@yahoo.com). You can also contact Patti Peterson, tourism manager at the Shawano Country Chamber of Commerce at 715-524-2139 or [tourism@shawano.com](mailto:tourism@shawano.com). A link on the Shawano Chamber Web site has photos and information on every barn quilt on display in Shawano County. Just go to [www.shawanocountry.com](http://www.shawanocountry.com) and click on the barn quilt icon.

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