

Calico Cat Pattern is County's 245th Barn Quilt

Joan Rueden has sponsored a colorful “cat” pattern, called Butter Cup, for her barn quilt at W3156 State Highway 156, Pulaski. Joan has always liked cats, so when she met with Jim Leuenberger, project coordinator for Shawano County’s barn quilt project, she asked if he had a cat pattern. Ironically, Leuenberger had seen a cat pattern in Kentucky a few years ago that he had wanted to do for Shawano County. When he showed it to her, she thought it would look great on her barn. “It’s just a fun, cute pattern,” Leuenberger said, “and I’m excited that Joan agreed to do it.”

The farm was originally sold by the U.S. Government to the State of Wisconsin in 1866. The first recorded owner is William Marcks in 1903. One of the later owners was Albert Wickman. Joan and her husband, Basil, who died four years ago, purchased the farm in 1992 and moved there from their home in Oneida in 2000.

The barn quilt was painted by the Shawano County barn quilt committee and was put on display by LeRoy Raddant and Bruce Teetzen 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 by email at jamesmleuenberger@yahoo.com. You can also contact Patti Peterson at tourism@shawano.com or 715-524-2139. A link on the Shawano Chamber of Commerce Web site includes photos and information on every barn quilt on display in Shawano County. Just go to www.shawanocountry.com and click on the barn quilt icon.

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