

Dogwood is Pattern for County's 277th Barn Quilt

Shawano County's 277th barn quilt is now on display on a barn owned by Lucille Peters at N144 County Road X, Pulaski. The quilt is a Christmas gift to Lucille from her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren and honors the generations of the Peters families who owned the land. The name of the pattern is Dogwood.

"Mom wanted a quilt with lots of color," her daughter JoAnn Radeske said, "and this pattern certainly does that. It looks just great."

The farm has been owned by a member of the Peters family or their spouses since 1880. The farm passed on to George and his sister, Minnie Peters, at the death of John Peters in 1931. George then purchased the full farm and, with his wife Ida, owned the farm until their deaths. They operated the dairy farm with a milking herd of Guernsey cattle.

Their nephew and niece, Arvin and Lucille Peters, became the owners in 1971, with Lucille currently being the sole owner since Arvin's death in 2008. Arvin and Lucille raised young stock on the farm until 1990. Today the land is rented and used to grow hay, corn and soybeans.

The Peters barn quilt was painted by the Shawano County barn quilt committee and was put on display by Keith Raddant and Jerry Timm 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 jamesmleuenberger@yahoo.com or by phone at 715-524-5685. You can also contact Patti Peterson, tourism manager at the Shawano Country Chamber of Commerce at 715-524-2139 or tourism@shawano.com. A link on the Shawano Chamber 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.