

County's 222nd Barn Quilt is a Father's Day Gift

Shawano County's Barn Quilt Project has added the 222nd barn quilt to those on display throughout the area. It is on a barn owned by Bill and Betty Peterson, E10451 County C, Clintonville (just outside Embarrass). The pattern for the quilt has been named Peterson Century Feeders and features a silhouette of a feeder wagon in the center.

Bill and Betty's daughter Tina picked out the pattern and the colors to be used on the quilt. The quilt was given to her dad as a father's day present from her, her mom, and her sisters Connie Mitchell of Kaukauna and Diane Strong of Colorado. "It's hard to surprise dad," Tina said, "so we thought a barn quilt would be the perfect gift. It's unique and original and really looks great."

The barn on which the quilt is displayed was built in the early 1920s, several years after Bill's grandfather John D. Peterson purchased the farm on April 25, 1912. The farm was later owned by Bill's dad, William. Bill took over the farm in 1959, the year he and Betty were married and the same year he started Peterson Manufacturing Corporation.

The Corporation designs and manufactures various feeder wagons that are sold throughout the United States. In 2009, they patented the design for the frame and flat floor of the feeder wagons.

Peterson's grandson, Joston, has worked for the corporation since he was 14 years old and has served as its president for the past 10 years.

The Peterson barn quilt was painted by the Shawano County Barn Quilt Committee and was put on display by Bruce Teetzen and Keith 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. 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.