

Rueden Sponsors Barn Quilt Number 289

Joan Rueden has sponsored Shawano County's 289th barn quilt, which is mounted on a barn at W4774 County Road BE, Bonduel. Joan and her husband, Basil, who is deceased, purchased the 200-acre farm, which includes 50 acres of woods, in 1998 from Jerry Lee and Nancy Yoder. Previous owners included Melvin Meyer and Hubert Bucholz. The barn was built in 1920. Throughout the years, the farm was operated as a dairy farm.

The quilt pattern, called Sunrise, is loosely based on one of Joan's more than 800 paintings, many of which are on display in her home at W3156 State Highway 156, Pulaski. Joan is holding the painting in the accompanying photo.

Joan had no formal art training and actually just started painting in pastels in 2012. In addition to displaying the paintings in her home, she has given many as gifts to family and friends. She refers to her paintings as "doodles."

"I like to do paintings that are simple, bold and colorful," Joan said. "And I think the quilt does that too. I just love it!" This is the fifth barn quilt Joan has sponsored.

The 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 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 tourism@shawano.com or 715-524-2139.