

Barn Quilt #306 Now on Display

The 306th barn quilt as part of Shawano County's barn quilt project is now on display. Sponsored by Dave and Julie Feivor, it is mounted on their 100+ year-old barn at 14157 School Road, Gillett, just a few miles north of Cecil. The name of the pattern the Feivors selected is called Carpenter's Wheel. "The colors we chose for our quilt match our barn and the name of the quilt helps honor all the craftsmen and women who helped build these magnificent structures," Dave said. "The quilt is a beautiful addition to the barn and our farm."

The Feivors have worked hard to keep the barn restored, which was built in the late 1800s of large, hand-hewn timbers. It is 40 feet wide and 100 feet long.

Called Linzy Brook Tree Farm, the farm was a livestock and dairy farm for many years. Dave's parents, Frank and Myrt Feivor, purchased the farm in 1971, at which time there were no longer livestock there. Frank's doctor had told him he needed a hobby away from all his business activities. When he and Myrt saw an ad in the paper for the farm, they went to see it. Frank wanted space for his dad's old farm equipment and the barn and shed there seemed perfect. "When they walked down to the Linzy Brook and saw the rapids running through the land, the towering oaks, maples, white pines and hemlocks, they knew it was the place for them," Dave said.

Ponies and horses for the kids to ride on and get bucked off, then livestock and crops made the farm a fun, working retreat. Much of the land was gradually planted into Christmas trees, converting it from grazing and cropland. Frank had a couple ponds built to help filter area farm runoff before getting into the brook and to water the newly-planted trees.

Dave and Julie were married in 1973 and lived in the farm house for a while. They have lived there on and off over the years, purchasing the farm in 2004. Dave was an American Family Insurance agent in Shawano from 1987 until retiring earlier this year.

"The farm has been a good fit for Julie and me," Dave said, "since we both enjoy the outdoors. I've made trails for cross country skiing, running, mountain biking and snowshoeing. And our dog, Sport, gets two walks daily on the trails that stretch over a mile."

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

For photos and information on all barn quilts in Shawano County, go to www.shawanocountry.com and click on the barn quilt icon.