

Barkow Sponsors 104th Barn Quilt

JoAnn Barkow has sponsored Shawano County's 104th barn quilt. The pattern she selected is called "Patchwork Pines" and the quilt is displayed on a barn on Barkow's farm at N4146 Spruce Road, a few miles west of Shawano. The quilt design was chosen to represent the name of the road the farm is located on, Spruce. In addition, the large green triangle in the middle represents JoAnn and her deceased husband, LeRoy, and the three small green triangles represent their three children Becky, Dawn and David.

In January 1864, the State of Wisconsin sold the land where the farm is located to The Land Grant Agency, which in turn sold it to Fredrick H. Smith. Over the next 80 years, various people owned the land before it was purchased in 1945 by William and Elsie Teske, the grandparents of LeRoy Barkow. It was then purchased by LeRoy's parents, Walter and Clara Barkow in 1946. LeRoy and JoAnn purchased the farm in 1967 and JoAnn continues to own the farm today.

The barn on which the quilt is displayed was built in the 1920s. For many years, the barn was used for heifers and hay storage. The main farm operation was located at N4267 Spruce Road.

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