

Rueden Sponsors County's 247th Barn Quilt

Joan Rueden has sponsored Shawano County's 247th barn quilt for her barn at W3156 State Highway 156, Pulaski. It is the second quilt she has sponsored to be displayed on the barn. The pattern she chose is called Rueden Maple Leaf. However, the silhouette of a Massey Ferguson tractor in the center of the pattern is a tribute to her husband, Basil, who died four years ago. Also on the tractor is a yellow tulip, which represents Joan's love of flowers. "I just love the barn quilt project," Joan said, "and am very happy to be a part of the project. I think the ones on our barn look great."

The original farmstead was sold to the State of Wisconsin by the U.S. Government in 1866. Its first individual owner was William Marcks, who purchased the farm in 1903. In the late 1990s, it was owned by Albert Wickman, who sold it to Basil and Joan in 1992. They began living at the farm in 2000 after moving there from Oneida.

The Rueden barn 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 715-524-5685 or by 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 by email at 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.

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