

Autumn Tulips is Shawano County's 365th Barn Quilt

Rachael Sarah and Robert Ortiz have sponsored Shawano County's 365th barn quilt. The pattern is a beautiful flower design they call Autumn Tulips that is on display on their barn at W8850 County Road A in Shawano. "Tulips are my favorite flower and we plan to plant lots of them on our property," Rachael said. Rachael is a former summer school art teacher and when she learned they were moving to the "barn quilt capital," they started looking for their own quilt design and even had students create their own.

Rachael and Robert moved to the Shawano area from southern Wisconsin in July 2019. After looking at properties around the state, they came across the 25-acre parcel that had been owned by George Banaszynski. The house and barn were built in the late 1890s and early 1910s by Anna and Ulrich Greub, who came to America from Switzerland.

While renovating their newly-acquired property, Rachael and Robert came across some beautiful old barn wood which has become another artistic outlet for making one-of-a-kind signs which they sell on Facebook.

"This is a whole new adventure in life for us, but we love to learn and we are excited about the possibilities we can create here on our farm," Rachael said.

The 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.

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