

Sitka Star is Pattern for 81st Shawano County Barn Quilt

Eugene and Shirley Kropp, W2432 Vanden Heuvel Road, Seymour, are the sponsors and host farm for Shawano County's 81st barn quilt. The pattern they chose is called "Sitka Star." "The first time we saw a barn quilt, it really intrigued us," Shirley said, "and we just knew we had to have one."

Shirley and Eugene have lived in the Isaar area in eastern Shawano County for the last 56 years. In 2003, they lost their home to a fire and built a new one across the road by their barn. "As far as I can remember, the barn has always been here," Shirley said. It is estimated the barn was probably built in the early 1900s.

Eugene worked at Fort Howard Paper Mill in Green Bay for 35 years and operated the farm at the same time. He and Shirley did a lot of showing of their Simmental beef cattle over the years as well. They have four children and 12 grandchildren, all of whom live in the area.

Commenting further on their barn quilt, Shirley said, "We know it will keep our barn warm for many years. I know we will enjoy it and hope others will too."