

Barn Quilt Interview

Host Family: Gary and Wanda Evans

Address of Barn Quilt: N6230 County Road H, Mondovi, WI 54755

Name of Barn Quilt: Meadow Creek Reflections

Date Completed: Saturday, August 16, 2014

4-H Club who made it: Hilltop Climbers

Interviewed by: Ava Gray

Why was the barn quilt pattern chosen?

They liked the two-toned design of the star.

What colors are painted and why were those colors chosen?

Two shades of green, rust, and tan were chosen. Vine Street and Peaceful Landscape were the green paint colors. Kalamata Olive and Avant-Garde were the rust paint colors. Cuddle Up and Rocking Chair were the tan paint colors. These colors were chosen to best match the shed where the quilt would be hung.

How long has the barn been in the family?

The shed has been in the family for 32 years.

When was it built and by whom?

The shed was built in 1982 by Vista Builders. The Vista building was located at the current Loomis Livestock facility.

What was its original function and what is it used for now?

This has always been a machine shed and shop.

What are some interesting stories about the barn or property?

Many softball games were played in the yard. Many softballs hit the shed. Grandpa Gary used to tell his kids that it was an automatic out if the softball hit the shed. Everyone has many fond memories of those games growing up.

Why was the host family interested in having a barn quilt on their property?

Wanda was an assistant 4-H leader for Hilltop Climbers for many years and Gary was the softball coach. Both have many fond memories of their time helping out. Most of their grandchildren are in 4-H, so they were happy to participate in this service learning project. They also wanted to beautify the shed.

How do they support agriculture in Buffalo County?

They used to raise beef and grow cash crops such as corn, soybeans, oats, etc.

What do they say (quote) about the barn quilt?

Wanda said, "It's calming. It reflects the beauty of the surroundings and the people who drew, painted, and hung it did an excellent job. It's nice to look out the window and see it each day."

Gary said, "If we ever leave, we will probably take it with us."

How did the club make it unique?

Each host family was able to pick their own design and colors.

Who painted the barn quilt? Who else contributed to the project, how?

The boards were primed and the barn quilt was drawn by members of the Hilltop Climbers 4-H club. The barn quilt was painted by members of the Evans family. Many volunteers worked the night before the quilts were hung to attach 2X4's so the quilts were ready for hanging. On August 16, 2014 many parents were present. Three barn quilts were hung that day. The Evans family is thankful to Nate Risler for letting the Club use his lift and all the people who played a role in helping out in various ways.

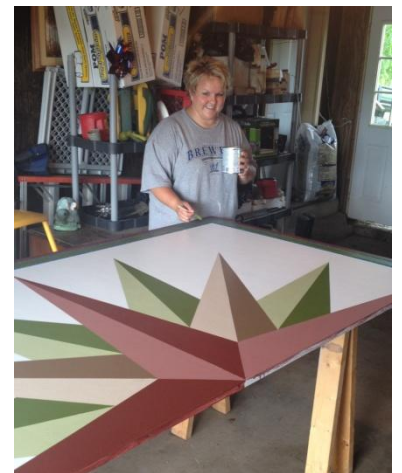
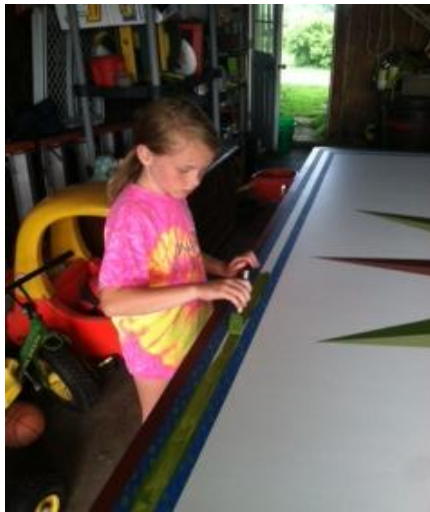
What did the members learn?

The members learned about teamwork with this project. It took many people to figure out how to draw the pattern to scale, transfer the pattern to the boards so it matched up perfectly, paint the pattern, and to hang the quilts. It was a definite group effort and a neat learning opportunity.



The finished project hanging on the shed

Working on the Evans Family Barn Quilt.





Gary & Wanda with the finished quilt. **They love it!**



Some of the Hilltop Climbers members present on the day the quilt was hung.