

Barn Quilt Now Stands In Sabetha

(KNZA)--A growing trend, highlighting heritage while honoring the tradition of the quilt, comes to the local community of Sabetha, where a barn quilt now stands.

Barn quilts are painted quilt squares, usually fashioned on boards and then mounted on a barn or other building.

The local barn quilt, viewable by passers-by at the intersection of 6th and Oregon Streets, was created by Susan Scoby Strahm, intended as a memorial to her parents, Harold and Darlene Scoby, while serving as a gift for current barn owners Gary and Leslie Scoby(Play Audio)

Strahm says she was inspired to design the quilt barn while traveling, both on a road trip with friends, and while close to her Nebraska home(Play Audio)

The colors of the wooden quilt, affixed near the top of the barn's front, hold significance, with the green symbolizing the legacy of land stewardship, as well as the blessing of the rain, which brings corn, soybean and milo crops.

The winter wheat shade of green symbolizes the season of fall, while the gold represents Kansas wheat and memories of the harvest. The red in the center represents faith in God and love of family and friends. Scattered red triangles, that help make up the quilt, are reminders of home and family.

Dedicated last month, Strahm says the reaction to her creation has been inspiring(Play Audio)

Strahm's art now becomes a key part of Kansas tourism, as the state joins the "Barn Quilt Trail" through the United States, as the rural art form continues to grow and expand.

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