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Four Corners Quilters' Guild 20th Anniversary Quilt Show The Cultural Highlight of the Mothers' Day Weekend!

The Four Corners Quilters' Guild, established in 1998, is proud to be presenting its fourth quilt show on Mothers' Day weekend, May 11 & 12, at the Mount Forest & District Sports Complex.

Over 200 quilts made by the members of the guild will be showcased, with feature displays of baby quilts, Christmas and Canada 150 items, as well as quilts representing the Underground Railroad. There will also be displays paying tribute to past members and the many quilts the guild has made over the years for the local community or for charitable purposes.

Each quilt is made for a different reason - a gift for a baby, new bride or graduate, a test of a new technique, pattern or workshop, or simply a scrap-buster project. Some span many years on their journey to completion, sometimes trapped for a while in a love-hate struggle with the quiltmaker. Some are just awaiting a new inspiration or the perfect fabric for the final border or binding.

Often the immediate image of a quilt that comes to mind is something old, well-loved and maybe even a little faded and tattered. Quilts made with traditional patterns and fabrics will always have a special place in our hearts, but we urge everyone to consider that quilting today offers so much more. New techniques, tools, styles and fabrics from around the world make for some incredible art pieces. It's so heartwarming to overhear our show visitors commenting that *"this is art!", "this is not what I expected"* or *"these sure aren't Grandma's quilts".* We are proud to be able to share with our community the many, many hours of loving effort that went into the design and execution of every finished project.

We encourage everyone to fondly remember grandmother's quilts, and then come out and see the evolution of quilting through the work of our guild members. Our shows feature a brief story about each quilt written by the quilt maker to explain the origins of the project, design inspirations, challenges along the way or lessons learned. Our local guild has an excellent reputation in the quilting community for high quality shows and in particular, the large number of hand quilted items. We expect to welcome over 1000 visitors to the show over the two days.

This year, in celebration of the guild's 20th anniversary and Mothers' Day Weekend, we are proud to be promoting a special anniversary admission rate of only \$5, and proceeds will be shared with Cancer Patient Services and the Louise Marshall Hospital Foundation. Don't miss it. Bring a Mom.