



Black and white fabric cows graze on a green calico pasture, with a farm scene from colorful swatches in the background. This original quilt by Eva Martin will be auctioned during the Maryland Holstein Convention sale to benefit dairy youth, in memory of the Martin's son, Kraig.

Original quilt featuring Holsteins to be auctioned

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SMITHSBURG, Md. — A hand-made quilt, crafted in memory of a young Washington County Holstein boy, will be a highlight of the Maryland State Holstein Convention sale on Feb. 22.

The one-of-a-kind quilt was designed and sewn by Eva Martin Smithsburg, R2. Eva and her husband Marlin are donating it in memory of their teenage son Kraig, killed two years ago in an automobile accident. Proceeds from the quilt are earmarked for three separate memorials benefitting dairy youth.

One third of the selling price will be set aside for a special Kraig Martin memorial fund, from which about six Washington County 4-H awards are to be presented annually.

A second third goes to the Washington County Holstein Club, establishing a memorial sponsorship for a grand champion fitting-showmanship award at the club's annual field day.

The Doty Remsburg fund, established in memory of the well-known Maryland Holstein promoter and sales manager, will receive the final third. Funds from the Remsburg memorial are used to benefit the state's 4-H dairy teams.

While the quilt memorial had been in the Martin's plans for many months, it wasn't until the Thanksgiving holiday weekend that Eva finally put the design together on paper. Gathering of the fabrics for each part of the pastoral setting took a few more weeks. In mid-January, the finished top was ready for hand-

quilting by Marlin's mother, Ada Martin, also of Smithsburg.

Crafted primarily in shades of green, the 94- by 100-inch quilt is accented with a cheery red and white pin striped barn, grayish-toned house and silos, and even golden yellow grain bins. It is appropriate for use on both double and queen size beds.

Also available at the convention will be more of Eva's creations, her own designed needlecraft kits featuring Holstein cows.

"I became frustrated when I went looking for needlework ideas and found there were so few dairy related ones," says this talented dairy farm woman.

Cross-stitched pillow kits and needlepoint tissue box covers are the first market test items for what may develop into a business for Eva.

Both feature the "We Love Holsteins" message, with a heart symbolizing the word "love" and the head of a Holstein cow.

Pillow kits include all the necessary supplies, except for the pillow form, to complete a 14-inch ruffled square pillow. In the kit are white pillow covering fabric, hot iron transfer, embroidery floss and ruffling fabric, in a variety of colors.

Tissue box covers are designed to fit the smaller, square box. Plastic needlepoint canvas is pre-cut to the proper size, with yarn and pattern graph included in the kit.

Both kits will be available at the Maryland Holstein Convention, or by contacting Eva Martin at R2, Box 414, Smithsburg, Md., 21783, or at 301-824-2106.



"We love Holsteins" is the theme of two needlecraft kits designed by Eva Martin. They will be making their debut at the Maryland State Holstein Convention.

National FFA officers tour Japan

ALEXANDRIA, VA. — National officers of the FFA are traveling to Japan for two weeks to gain an understanding of international agriculture.

The student leaders of the nearly half-million member vocational agriculture organization left February 2 for a look at Japan's culture and agricultural industry.

The international tour is being sponsored by Mitsui & Company (USA), based in Memphis, and Mitsui & Co., Ltd. of Tokyo. This is the seventh year Mitsui has

sponsored the tour. The six FFA'ers will be visiting Mitsui facilities while in Japan.

The officers will also be visiting their Japanese counterpart - the Future Farmers of Japan. In order to give the national officers an experience in Japanese family culture, they will be staying with host families furnished by the FFJ while in Japan.

"We greatly appreciate the opportunity Mitsui is providing us to learn about Japan," said National FFA President Rick Malir. "We are excited about

traveling through the country and meeting with the FFJ to exchange ideas about the future of agriculture."

The officers will be visiting various agricultural industries to get a better understanding of how agricultural trade in other nations operates. Malir and his fellow National FFA Officers each travel throughout the year over 200,000 miles making hundreds of speeches. Their travel will include approximately 50 states and Puerto Rico and other countries including international trip to Japan.

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