Folk Festival Seeks Quilt Entries

KUTZTOWN - It is good news for the expert quilt makers who are looking forward to entering their creations in this summer's 23rd Annual Quilting Contest, an important part of the Pennsylvania Dutch Folk Festival here. An additional one hundred entries will be accepted for judging, display, and sale, which will bring the total quilt entries in the 1987 contest to 1,600, rather than the 1,500 of previous years. The number was increased because of the growing popularity of the contest with Festival visitors.

This summer's Festival will run

from June 27th through July 5th. Quilts will be received, starting at 6 a.m. Saturday morning, June 20th. Any contestant who brings quilts to the Festival Grounds before 6 p.m., the evening of Friday, June 19th, will be barred from the contest. This rule must be enforced to avoid traffic congestion.

Ann Burrows, contest chairman, urges all quilt creators to adhere strictly to the contest rules: (1) quilts must be clean; (2) have excellent workmanship; (3) have matching colors, for instance, a quilt should not contain several shades of white fabric; (4) and have accurate measurements, stated clearly on the registration cards. The entrant must set the price of each quilt not to exceed \$315. The entrant pays no fee to enter or sell a quilt in the contest.

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great mountain and its surrounding wilderness.

Of the French accident in 1986, Gill says, "The hidden crevasse bridge was 18 feet wide, 150 feet long, and, in places, 30 feet thick, but it just collapsed beneath them. I rappelled 75 feet down into the crevasse and followed the Frenchman's rope, digging for him. It

design, color and needlework, appropriateness of materials used, adaptation of customs and traditions of the Pennsylvania Dutch, and originality and beauty.

Ribbons and prize-money for five prizes, as well as five honorable mentions, will be awarded in each of four categories: pieced patchwork, appliqued patchwork, embroidered, and all-quilted. Prizes range from \$225 for first prize to \$125 for fifth prize, as well as \$75 for each honorable mention.

Quilters interested in more information on entering quilts in the 1987 Quilting Contest should write for contest rules to: Quilting Contest, Kutztown Folk Festival, 461 Vine Lane, Kutztown, PA 19530.

was scary down there with all of that ice hanging above, waiting to fall in on me.

He found the second climber, frozen and dead, under 3 feet of snow.

The climbers had broken a cardinal rule of glacial travel: They were standing side by side on a snow bridge over a crevasse. If they had kept a rope-length apart,

enormous bridge probably would not have collapsed.

There were other rescues in 1986. Two Koreans, debilitated by altitude sickness, were carried down from 19,800 feet. Two Swiss climbers died in their tent from carbon monoxide poisoning. The rangers evacuated another climber with torn ankle ligaments.

as safe glacial travel dictates, the

However, in the 1980s less than 3 percent of Denali's climbers have had accidents. This may be due to the stepped-up ranger vigilance. In

addition, says Seibert, the rangers now make a major effort to emphasize self-sufficiency, and many climbers rescue other climbers without having to call the rangers for help.

"Our main concern is crevasse falls," says Seibert. "We're going to see more crevasse fatalities until climbers learn how to rope up properly. But, overall, the trend is that rescues and accidents are decreasing on Denali. And the mountain is cleaner than it's been in years."



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