

Quilts On Parade

Pennsylvania Relief Sale Presents Quilts For Preview

EPHRATA (Lancaster Co.) — More than 70 quilts created an artistic display recently at the Mennonite Central Committee's Material Resources Center (MRC) in Ephrata.

The quilts were a preview to the 47th annual Pennsylvania Relief Sale, April 4-5, in Harrisburg at the Farm Show Complex.

According to MRC director Leone Wagner, "this preview not only gives us a chance to showcase the quilts but to provide information about quilting and show how the sale of the quilts

been more Log Cabin quilts and wall hangings donated for this year's quilt auction than any other pattern."

The pattern is a traditional method of piecing blocks that features long narrow strips of fabric in concentric squares.

For more information about the quilts, contact Leona Wagner at (717) 733-2847.

The MCC's relief sales or festivals are usually conducted over a weekend and often include an auction of everything from quilts and artwork, to wooden toys and



These little piggies went to market... to benefit the Relief Sale. Rachel Horst and Marie Eby teamed up to create "Crazy Pigs."

will benefit many people around the world."

Throughout the year, groups of Mennonite, Brethren in Christ and Amish quilters volunteer to raft the quilts that are then auctioned at sales across the United States and Canada. The sales benefit the MCC. This year, the sale features more than 370 quilts.

Previously the quilts were displayed at the Ten Thousand Villages store in Ephrata. The new facility provided a larger venue for the quilt display.

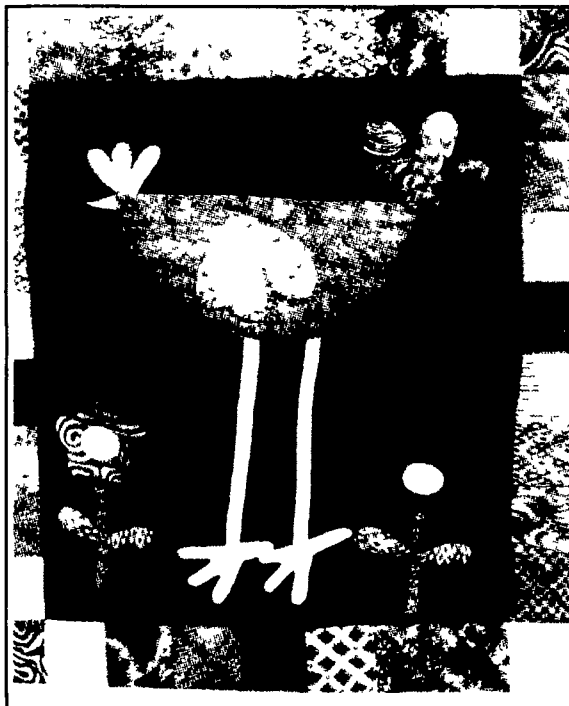
Quilts created more than 120 of those quilts at the MCC, where they were displayed.

According to quilt preview literature, "this must be the year of the log cabin quilt... there have

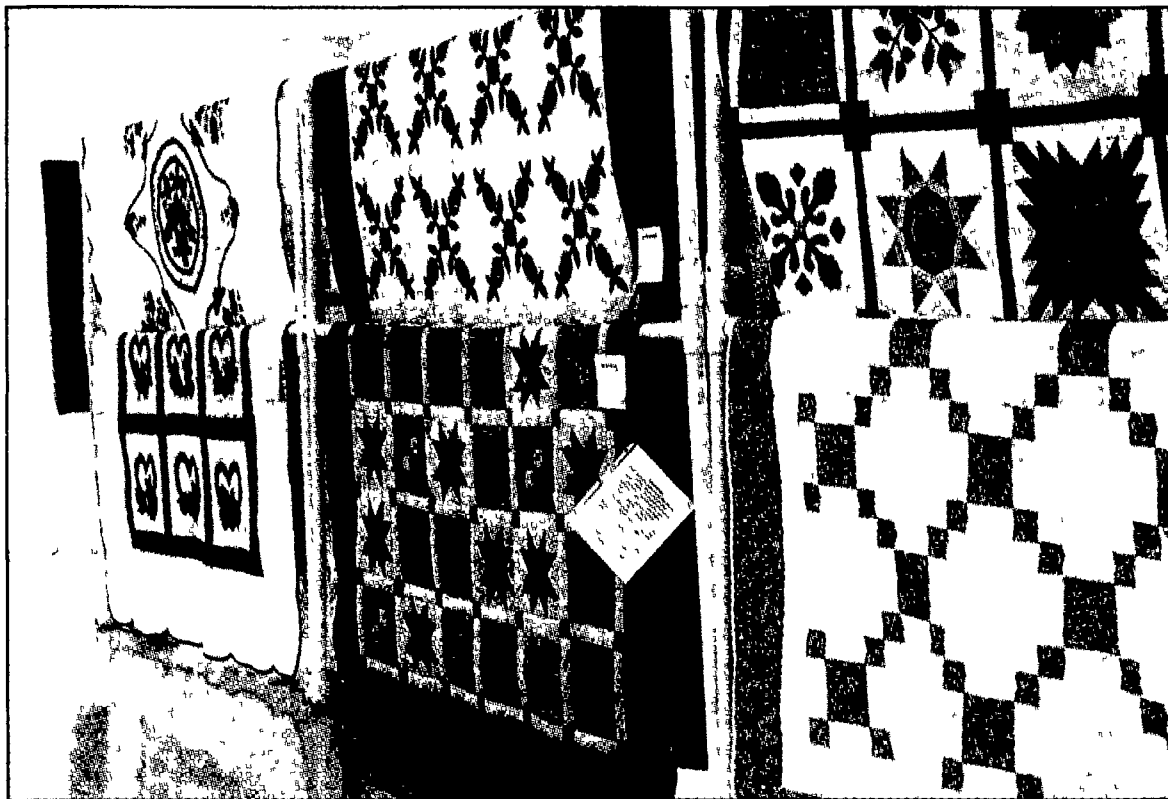
antique cars as well as food stands, children's activities, musical entertainment, hands-on projects and local specialties.

From February through November, 46 relief sales will take place in 23 U.S. states and five Canadian provinces. These sales are expected to generate more than \$4 million for MCC programs.

The MCC is a relief, service, and peace agency of the North American Mennonite and Brethren in Christ churches. The organization reflects the biblical call to care for the hungry and thirsty, the stranger, the sick and those in prison (Matthew 25:35-36). Founders began the agency in 1920.



At left, Sandra Fulton donated this long-legged "Chicken." At right is an example of the Pennsylvania German "fraktur," the decorative, broken script used to illustrate birth, wedding, or other certificates. Hearts, vines, flowers, and birds such as this one were often included in the design. Mollie Peachey created this "Fraktur Birds" quilt.



1. According to quilt preview literature, "these quilts are gifts of love given in the name of Christ so that others may have relief from hunger, so they may know the satisfaction of work, so that healthcare is provided."

Who Needs Hands To Paint?

Determination Charts Way To Success

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LEOLA (Lancaster Co.) — Not many 22-year-olds operate a thriving business, especially if they are artists.

Although David Nolt's artwork is marketed worldwide, he is modest about the success.

"I'm still learning," he said of painting with oils.

Learning, perseverance, and determination are qualities which have enabled him to find his niche in the world.

David was born with arthrogryposis, a condition that causes joints in his body to contract so tightly that any movement of his arms, legs, and hips is severely limited.

Arthrogryposis kept his limbs from forming normally. He had little movement in his arms, and



David Nolt's artwork is marketed worldwide through Mouth and Foot Painting Artists. He enjoys working on a wide variety of subjects, such as this one depicting the Lord's Prayer, one of a series of seven.



Travel to Asia this week as we feature Indian recipes. Pictured is Maria Kunjappu, who stirs a vermicelli and milk mixture used to make payasum, an Indian dessert. Story and recipes begin on page B6.

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