

Gettysburg Quilt Odyssey Showcases Civil War Quilts July 31-Aug.3

GETTYSBURG (Adams Co.) — Quilt Odyssey 2003, July 31 through Aug. 3, in Gettysburg, is hosting four colorful exhibits this year.

A special exhibit will be Dear Jane quilts. These are quilts which are "spin offs" from the

original 1863 Jane A. Blakely Stickle Civil War quilt. A resident of Vermont, Jane finished the quilt in 1863 during one of the most important times in our nation's history. She must have sensed this as she signed the quilt, "In War Time 1863."

The quilt composed of 225 sampler blocks and ice cream shaped border blocks.

To complement this exhibit, Fran Fitz of Myersville, Md., is curating an exhibit of 15 Civil War Era quilts. These are rare treasures indeed as many quilts

made during that period were given to soldiers to be used as bedding, clothing, in lieu of shoes, and in the worst scenario, to cover or wrap casualties of war.

Hours the exhibits and merchants mall will be open, Thursday, July 31 through Saturday,

Aug. 2 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday, Aug. 3 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. There is an admission charge. For information on workshops, lectures, directions, and accommodations, contact Quilt Odyssey, 15004 Burnt Mill Road, Shippensburg, PA 17257, (717) 423-5148.

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