

## **2023 Heritage Needlework Guild's "Quilt & Needlework Show" is an Applejack Tradition**

### **A Family Connected Through Its Many Quilts will be Showcased.**

Come enjoy scores of amazing quilts and other yarn and threadwork items at the 2023 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Heritage Needlework Guild "**Quilt & Needlework Show**", **Sept. 15, 16 & 17**. This show is a 'must see' event held every year during the Applejack Festival in Nebraska City.

The coveted honor of being named Featured Guild Members this year goes to two sisters who formed a unique lifelong bond with their mother through quilting. This display will focus on a selection of quilts made over the years by Guild members Pat Fiorese and her sister Barb Fife with their recently deceased mother Pearle I. Gerdes. "I know Barb and I both feel very blessed to have shared many, many hours with mom in her sewing room," Pat said. "She was an inspiration to all."

Come be a part of this family quilting celebration, as well as enjoy over one hundred other quilts and needlework projects. Viewed as one of the biggest displays of thread work items in southeast Nebraska, the show is held in the lower level of the Bethel Church at 2400 Central Avenue, Nebraska City. Doors are open **Friday 4 - 7 p.m. -- Saturday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. -- Sunday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.**

On display will be bed quilts, wall quilts, table runners and toppers, needlework, needle art, wearable items and bead work. All attendees will have the chance to vote for their favorite quilts in the many "Viewers' Choice" award categories. Winning quilts will be announced at the end of the show on Sunday.

The show is handicapped accessible with plenty of free parking. Entry is \$5 at the door for the day. There is also an \$8 weekend pass available. The money collected assists the Guild with its many community service projects.

**New this year is a booth selling potholders** made by Guild members. These potholders will sell for \$5 and are perfect gifts for anyone who cooks or bakes in your household. Be sure to stop by this booth to admire the many uniquely designed potholders. They cover an amazing width of themes and shapes, ranging from sports teams, children-themed, whimsical and seasonal. There will be something there to inspire all the cooks in your life. These potholders make great Christmas, birthday, bridal shower, hostess and Mother's Day and Father's Day gifts.

Two big features of this Quilt & Needlework Show are the **Raffle Quilt** and the **Raffle Baskets**. This year's **Raffle Quilt** measures 78" by 78" and is called "**Vintage Rouge**." The quilt blocks were pieced by Shirley Siefken and it was machine quilted by Dianne Fisher.

**Raffle Baskets** full of fabric, yarn, pattern books and other 'sewing goodies' are assembled by Guild members. They follow varied themes such as Baby, Christmas, Huskers, etc.

**Tickets for both raffles are \$1 each or 7 tickets for \$5** and may be purchased from Guild members or during show hours. Winning tickets are drawn at the end of the show on Sunday and winners will be notified. Once again, proceeds go towards the Guild's community service projects.

Put a trip to the **2023 Annual Heritage Needlework Guild Quilt & Needlework Show** on your Applejack 'must see' list and enjoy the many thread items on display.

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The Heritage Needlework Guild is a non-profit organization whose purpose is to contribute to the growth and knowledge of needlework techniques, textiles, patterns and history by providing educational meetings, travel and fellowship. Our mission is to: preserve and promote information about needlework, sponsor and support activities related to needlework, encourage making, collecting, exhibiting and appreciating fine needlework, as well as promoting recreation and friendship for the members.

We invite you to be our guest at the Guild meeting. We meet the 4th Tuesday of each month, except December, at the First Evangelical Lutheran Church at 315 S 16th Street in Nebraska City, NE. Social time begins at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting and presentation begin at 7:00. Stop by and see what we are all about.

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