

# Quilts: American romance

The fifth annual "Quilts: An American Romance" exhibit and sale May 9-14, at Somerset Mall will feature workshops, demonstrations and lectures as well as the displays of old and new quilts and related items.

Included again this year will be a special exhibition of 25 outstanding 19th century quilts and a 1983 anniversary poster. As in the past the show is organized and presented by Merry Silber and Sandra Mitchell. The women said that last year's show broke all previous attendance records and attracted visitors from 45 states, Canada, England, Japan, Australia, Holland and France.

Special guests who will be giving programs are: Sandi Fox, Jinny Beyer, Jean Ray Laury (who was installed in the Quilters Hall of Fame this year), Jeanne May Spears, George Bird, Gwen Marston and Joe Cunningham.

The show is open, free of charge, during regular mall hours, Big Beaver at Coolidge-Troy.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Monday: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. — Spears, workshop, "Precise Piecing," Kirt's Clubhouse, Somerset Park
- 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. — Fox, lecture, "The Fabric of a Nation: 19th Century Quilts and Quiltmakers," mall, lower level
- 1-5 p.m. — Autograph party for Connie Major, author of "Contemporary Patchwork Quilts — A Stitch in Our Time," Galerie de Boicourt book booth, mall, main floor
- 4-9 p.m. — Quiltmaking demonstration, Mr. and Mrs. James Hopper, mall, main level
- Tuesday: 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. — Fox, workshop, "The Basket & 19th Century

- American Quilts," Kirt's Clubhouse, Somerset Park
- 1-2:30 p.m. — Beyer, lecture, "Explorations in Quilt Design," mall, lower level
- 3:30-5:30 p.m. — Fox, lecture, "A Reflection of the Western Experience," mall, lower level
- 3:30-6:30 p.m. — Beyer, workshop, "Patchwork Clothing," Kirt's Clubhouse, Somerset Park
- Wednesday — 9 a.m. to noon — Beyer, workshop "Patchwork Clothing," Kirt's Clubhouse, Somerset Park
- 10-11:30 a.m. — Bird, lecture, "The World of Quilts at Meadow Brook Hall," mall lower level
- 2:30-4 p.m. — Beyer, lecture, "Explorations in Quilt Design, mall lower level
- Thursday: 2:45-7:45 p.m. — Laury, workshop, "The Applique Quilt," Kirt's Clubhouse, Somerset Park
- 3-4:30 p.m. — Beyer, lecture, "Color & Fabric Coordination," mall lower level
- 4-9 p.m. — Mr. and Mrs. James Hopper, quilting demonstration, mall level, mall
- 7-8:30 p.m. — Marston and Cunningham, "Additional Quilts Today," mall, lower level.
- Friday: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. — Laury, workshop, "Quilt Design: Modular Approach," Kirt's Clubhouse, Somerset Park
- 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. — Spears, workshop, "Teaching for Instructors," mall, lower level
- 3-6 p.m. — Laury, workshop, "Transparent Applique," Kirt's Clubhouse, Somerset Park
- 4-9 p.m. — Mr. and Mrs. James Hopper, quilting demonstration, mall, main level
- Saturday: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. — Laury, workshop, "Quilt Design: Modular Approach," Kirt's Clubhouse, Somerset Park
- 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. — Silber and Mitchell, lecture/demonstration, "Bring Your Own Quilt," a show and tell, mall lower level
- 3-4:30 p.m. — Laury, slide lecture, "Getting It all Together at Home," mall lower level.

Five programs which are already filled are not listed. There is a charge for the lectures and workshops. The main floor demonstrations are free as is the Saturday "Bring Your Own Quilt" program. For information on materials required and program reservations, call Merry Silber, 642-4371.

## Musician honored

John Douras, Oakland University professor and Kirk in the Hills music director, was awarded an honorary Doctor of Letters by Alma College at the April 16 commencement ceremonies.

The degree was presented by Alma trustee, Harold G. Warner of Bloomfield Hills and conferred by Dr. Oscar E. Remick, president of Alma College and trustee, Gordon E. Areen of West Bloomfield.

The commendation, read prior to the presentation, stated: "In recognition of your outstanding musical achievements as director of church choir ensembles, most notably as music director of Kirk in the Hills; In acknowledgment of the excellence of your university teaching and for your leadership of youth chorales which have toured widely in the United States and Europe; In gratitude for the inspiring contributions you have made to spiritual life of multitudes as an author, translator, arranger and director."

Douras, a Birmingham resident, has served as director of university choruses at Oakland University for the past 17 years as well as music director at the Kirk for the past decade.

Dr. Douras is the author of "Our American Choral Heritage" and has edited and translated eight sacred choral works by Salamone Rossi.

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