

# Quilts from page 1D

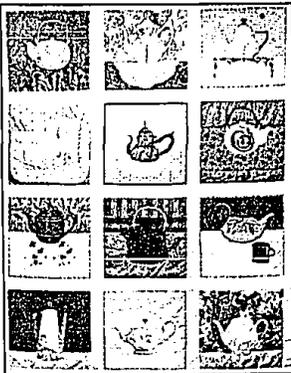
games — Monopoly, backgammon, Chinese checkers, Parcheesi, darts and checkers — teapots and the historic Peabody House in Birmingham, which is on the cover of the book. Hall made the Peabody design from a photo of the Victorian house.

Many of the rich, detailed works resemble paintings. The pages reveal such treasures as quilts bearing landscapes, a slight ride scene, pictures of Stalin interspersed with red squares,

streaks of color representing the feeling of a bungee cord leap, family portraits and imagery that packs a political punch.

One quilt features nine squares, each showing the progress of a block. The block changes from a flat surface in the top left corner to a full three dimensions, sitting on its own pedestal in the bottom right corner. Another quilt by Hall shows a variety of cats, some of them wandering out of their little space (as cats do).

To a tea: This teapot quilt by Hall is also featured in the book. Hall will autograph copies of "Pictorial Quilts" at the grand opening of Leewards arts and crafts store at 13 Mile and Southfield Road this weekend.



The fabric felles have such characteristics as fur and glass toy animal eyes.

### Friendly medium

Hall works out of a studio attached to her house. Her grand children, ages 4 and 6, keep a toy basket there along with her art "toys." The youngsters were inspired by the book in process and made small pillows.

Hall learned sewing machine skills when she was a child, and made her first stitched sculpture when she was 5 or 6. As an adult, she found that she could combine her interests in sewing and drawing.

"I've always liked fabrics. Fabrics are friendly. You have them all over your house. They're flexible, (have) endless variety."

The large turnouts for such quilt shows as the one at the Birmingham Area Seniors Coordinating Council and Center attest to the popularity of the art form. (Hall is chairing the fifth annual BASCC show.) New respect has been shown for arts and crafts in general with 1993 being declared the Year of American Craft. This year also marks the 60th anniversary of the American Craft Council.

### Background

Hall has many impressive careers in the creative area. An

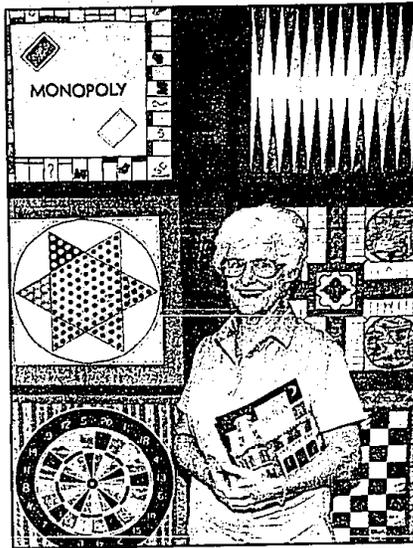
award-winning artist featured in many exhibits and collections, she is past president of the Birmingham Women Painters, the Detroit Women Writers and the Cranbrook Academy of Art Alumni. She earned a bachelor of fine arts degree and a master of fine arts degree from Cranbrook. Hall has served on the boards of the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association, the Cranbrook Writers' Guild and other organizations.

Hall has written for magazines and newspapers, including the art column for the Birmingham Eclectic 1963-73. She won a Milton Press Association award for her column. She has headed the Oakland University/Detroit Women Writers annual writers conference, and the OU/DWW seminar on plotting that took place last spring.

"I just moved over to a new medium — I enjoy it a lot."

Hall's other books are "Stitched and Stuffed Art," "I Love Popcorn," "I Love Ice Cream," "The Sewing Machine Craft Book," "Soft Sculpture," "The Teddy Bear Craft Book," "A Book of Soft Animals" and "Friendship Quilts." She has co-edited three books: "Voices on Writing Fiction," "The Artist's Drawing and Coloring Book" and "The Artist's Journal."

Hall is now working on a fiber arts book and makes commissioned wall hangings.



STAFF PHOTOS BY STEPHEN CANTRELL

Quality quilts: Carolyn Vosburg Hall of Birmingham stands before her quilt showing traditional games. Hall's latest book, "Pictorial Quilts," shows how to make works such as this.

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work started coming in," said one of the gallery artists, Minnie Bertram.

The art works are in many different media, including clothing and papier-mache. The children's work was interpreted by the adults in a variety of ways. Some made their own works with the same theme, others picked up the colors or shapes in the youngsters' art and put them in a new arrangement, others translated a piece by their student counterpart into a different medium — a painting became a stained glass

work or a sculpture, for example.

The response was so good that the gallery plans another such show. In the meantime, parties are scheduled for two Sundays, Sept. 12 and 19.

Also featured at the gallery are works from Linda Solomon's Children's Photography Project.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Wednesday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Call 855-8832.

# Mum sale nearing

Volunteers at Oakland University's Meadow Brook Estate Greenhouse are having their annual hardy mum sale 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 10, and 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 11, at the greenhouse, on Adams on the OU grounds in Rochester Hills.

For more information, call the greenhouse at 370-4510. The mums will be \$3 or four for \$10. All proceeds will go to the preservation and restoration of the historic greenhouse.

The unusual greenhouse, built in 1914 by automobile pioneer John Dodge, has seven rooms.

# Gallery hosts poetry bash

The Lawrence Street Gallery is hosting an open mike poetry bash to benefit the "Art in the Air" radio program and the gallery featuring Ann Williamson, author of "Wild Rumors," 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 16. The gallery is at 29 W. Lawrence in downtown Pontiac, directly behind the Pike Street Restaurant. For more information, call 334-6716.

New and undiscovered poets will be featured, as well as popular favorites. Participants can just listen, or read new works for a friendly crowd. Donation is \$5.

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