

Quilters get the picture for show, sale

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Talk about "cutting edge" art. The fifth annual quilt show and sale of the Birmingham Area Seniors Coordinating Council and Center, "Pictorial Quilts/Today, Tomorrow and Yesterday," will present about 160 pieces showing three different directions of quilting.

"It's certainly an exciting form of art," said Janice Endress, BASCC program manager. The show will take place Thursday-Saturday, May 19-21, at the BASCC, 3800 Evergreen at 13 Mile in Birmingham. Quilting demonstrations, lectures, refreshments and a mini-mall of vendors offering fabrics, quilting supplies, dolls, clothing and books will be featured. A full-size quilt, "Building Blocks," hand-

made by the BASCC quilters especially for the show, will be raffled along with other quilted items 3 p.m. Saturday, May 21.

A preview reception will be the evening of Wednesday, May 18. Hours for the show are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 19-21. Admission is \$4; group rates are available. For more information, call (810) 642-1040.

"They're all just charming," said noted fiber artist and author Carolyn Vosburg Hall of Birmingham, who was juror for the show.

Quilts in the show come from New York to Oregon and Canada. The "today" features contemporary quilts, the "tomorrow" quilts by youngsters up to age 18 and group quilts, and the "yesterday" quilts in the traditional style.

"The piece dictates its own rules," Hall said in explaining how the works were judged.

"It's how well it comes off." Vibrant color, captivating imagery, masterful stitching, fascinating geometric patterns — the display offers something for everyone.

One quilt features figures of dogs on sheer material that lays over the design. In another, the quilter arranged photos and mementos of her son. Borders and undersides can be as exciting and artistic as the main, front area of the quilt.

Scheduled speakers and topics are Carolyn Vosburg Hall, "Pictorial Quilts," 1:30 p.m. May 19; and Nancy Bryk, Henry Ford Museum quilt expert, "Fabric of Early American Quilts," 1:30 p.m. May 20. On May 19, Ron Abrah-



Spreading the word: Carolyn Vosburg Hall (left) and Janice Endress, program manager at the Birmingham Area Seniors Coordinating Council and Center, are looking forward to the fifth annual BASCC quilt show. Hall, a noted fiber artist and author, was juror for the event.

ham of Universal Sew and Vac will demonstrate the latest top of the line computer sewing machines 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and prize-winning sewing machine quilter Nancy Meyer will talk about "Color Choices in Quilting" 1-4 p.m.

On May 20, Mary Zdrodowski, Better Homes & Gardens designer and publisher of cross-stitch books, will demonstrate cross-stitch quilting and charting and show her books on cross-stitch designs 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Also May 20, Detroit Free Press sewing columnist Barbara Gash will demonstrate creating textured fabrics 1-4 p.m.

On May 21, mother and daughter artists Hattie and Claudia

Travel talk set

David MacDonald will present a program based on his lifelong love affair with the state of Michigan 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 17, at the Troy Public Library.

MacDonald will show the straits between lakes St. Clair and Erie, and lakes Huron and Michigan, highlighting the historical background of the area.

Reservations aren't necessary for this program in the library's popular travel series. The library is at 510 W. Big Beaver Road, just east of I-76, between Crooks and Livernois in the Civic Center Complex. Call (810) 624-3545.

Work on imagery

The Paint Creek Center for the Arts offers a three-session "Imagery Workshop" for adults 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays, May 17-31.

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Art class slated

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Get the picture: This "Peabody House" quilt by Carolyn Vosburg Hall is helping advertise "Pictorial Quilts/Today, Tomorrow and Yesterday," a show of contemporary and traditional quilts taking place next week at the Birmingham Area Seniors Coordinating Center.

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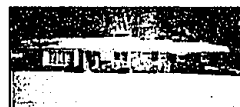
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