

Zion Mennonite Church 2017 Quilting Workshop Press Release

The congregation of Zion Mennonite Church is hosting the 45th annual Quilting Workshop at the church three miles east of Hubbard. The three-day workshop includes a display of over 100 quilts, wall hangings and comforters ranging from the latest techniques and colors to century old heirlooms. Approximately 1000 people attend this event each year.

Workshop is Thursday, February 23, Friday, February 24, and Saturday, February 25 from 10 am to 3 pm each day. There is no admission charged but donations are appreciated for the Senior Center in El Torno, Bolivia. The Senior Center has served as the community/social center for the village since it was built in 2001. It is a place where the elderly of El Torno can come for fellowship, food, teachings, occupational therapy, health care and rest.

Zion Mennonite Church volunteers will serve a soup and bread lunch each day from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm on a \$4.00 suggested donation basis. Taco Soup will be served on Thursday and Saturday and Clam Chowder will be served on Friday.

Each day workshop volunteers are available to guide you through every step in the quilt making process from choosing fabric and a quilt pattern to cutting and piecing the quilt top, choosing your batting, securing the whole project into a quilting frame, quilting, and finishing the edges with binding. A "learner's quilt" is set up and available for anyone who would like to sit down and try quilting with an experienced quilter to assist and instruct them. Nearby is a comforter tying demonstration with extra needles and thread ready for visitors to join in.

You are invited to drop by the following demonstrations throughout the day.

Thursday: Karen Stephens, proprietor of "Speckled Hen Quilts" - how to accurately piece 4 1/2" and 6 1/2" blocks

Friday and Saturday: Anita Lindberg - how to strip piece five strips, then slice, dice and re-combine to make a number of different blocks

Saturday: Kathie Serlet and Sharon Duval - fabric postcards and playing cards

A large array of fair trade handicrafts including baskets, jewelry, toys, and woodcarvings from One Fair World in Salem will be available for purchase. Proceeds help to alleviate poverty for the crafters and farmers who create the works of art.

The address of Zion Mennonite Church is 6124 South Whiskey Hill Road, Hubbard, OR 97032. **PLEASE NOTE**, due to the replacement of the Pudding River bridge, Whiskey Hill Road is closed between Hubbard and Meridian Road. Please check the church website for alternate routes. The major intersections near the church are marked with signs to direct visitors to the workshop, and the entire facility is handicap accessible. In the case of inclement weather on Wednesday February 22, the workshop would be postponed one week. For on-line information, please visit the church web site at zionmennoniteoregon.org/community-ministries/quilting-workshop/. You may phone the church office at 503.651.2274, or Louise Gingerich at 503.651.2816.