

Zion Mennonite Church 2018 Quilting Workshop Press Release

The congregation of Zion Mennonite Church is hosting the 46th annual Quilting Workshop at the church three miles east of Hubbard. The three-day workshop includes a display of about 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 22, Friday, February 23, and Saturday, February 24 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. Olive Garden Zuppa Toscana will be served on Thursday and Saturday and Italian Pasta and Bean Soup 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" - use of the 4" Log Cabin trim tool from Creative Grids

Connie Foleen and Ruby Scruggs - Brazilian Embroidery and Hardanger

Friday: Anita Lindberg - checked Dresden Plate block

Pauline Mather - showing a Hmong quilt depicting various scenes

Saturday: Darlene Grassman - sewing accessories such as needle cases and pin cushions using quilted patchwork fabric

Anita Lindberg - checked Dresden Plate block

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. 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 21, 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.