



THREADS

Rotarian Fellowship of Quilters and Fiber Artists



Spring Travel— A Pilgrimage

By Esther Arlan



We've just come home from a trip to Israel and Jordan and left springtime behind us. We spent lots of time visiting the usual touristy places but we also went off the beaten path with friends. We were fortunate to be in Israel when the spring wild flowers were in full bloom in the southern part of the country. We walked/hiked for many hours thru the wildflowers with our friends and their army buddies and their wives. It was a most interesting day as we shared stories of growing up in different parts of the world and yet had much in common. Our love of the natural wonders of the world, the wild flowers in bloom and the desire to work together in making the places where we live a better place than what we found. Many of the men and women were the children of Holocaust survivors so their enjoyment of the open fields, the mountains in bloom and the friendships that have lasted for 50 plus years.

We also visited the family that we adopted at the end of the World War 11 - another war that we all hoped would end the horrors of war. Today this "extended" family of mine has grown and prospered. The oldest daughter is almost my age (continued on Page 5)

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CHECK IT OUT

Festival of quilts
Birmingham England
11-14 August 2016

American Quilt Expo,
Quilts of Valor
May 26-28th in
Des Moines, Iowa.

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From the Forks Logging Museum Collection, Forks Washington State USA



Early Twentieth Century Quilt
Donated by Elizabeth Huelsdonk Fletcher

This treasure was found in a little Museum in the town where some scenes from the "Twilight" movies were filmed, along with many items from the logging camps of the last century.

Miscellaneous

TIME TO GET ORGANIZED AND DOUBLE CHECK WHAT is in your tool chest. Remember to include the following items - crochet hooks, tapestry needles, row counters, cable needles, pins, markers and a needle gauge. Scissors, sticky notes, calculator, graph paper, pencils and pens to capture a design idea that you saw.

Check your PBS schedule for the new quilt programs.

Sewing and Quilt Expo is holding classes and workshops. See if there is one near you. www.sewingexpo.com; 800-699-6309

Interested in taking a tour with fellow quilters, knitters and crotchet-ers.?Contact Craft tours at 877-877-1188 for details.

Each year the color of the year is chosen by a group of folks. This year's Pantone colors of the year are Rose Quartz - a pale pink and Serenity - a soft blue.

Books, Books and more Books

To keep the list and info up-to-date I would love hearing from you. If you donate or purchase any of these books for your local or school library let us know asap what you think. I might order them for our annual Rotary West Nashua Ribfest in June 2016 BOOKS FOR KIDS GIVE-A-WAY.

In the subject line of an e-mail - please put in the word "books" so it does not end up in the spam file.

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By John Rice - A people and their quilts

By Whitney Otto - How to Make an American Quilt A fun novel about quilting.

By Petra Pulido Quilting 101 Basics: Patchwork and Quilting Techniques for Beginners

By Annie's -Jiffy Quick Quilts: Quilts for the Time Challenged (Annie's Quilting)

Challenge: Going to your local book store or Barnes & Noble and not buying another quilting, knitting or crochet magazine. Do you share subscriptions with your fiber artist buddies? Did you make the quilt or sweater that made you buy the magazine.

More Shopping in Seoul



Another Shopping Center with lots of little fabric related items. Notions, patterns, trims and when you are ready to drop, stop for some lunch at one of the food shops in the complex. Korean style, the tray must be covered with dishes.



Pilgrimage Continued

and she and her husband spent many hours with us reminiscing about the relationship between my parents and their parents. Sometimes the stories were told from their perspective and sometimes they matched my family's stories.

But there were also stories that brought back memories of what my parents and I (my brother & sister were younger) did to keep this family alive. The packages that we sent that allowed them to barter for food and medicine. I could almost write a book about that. We met their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. We ate food that was prepared for us that covered many different countries favorite recipes.

Petra, Jordan would be a quilters paradise in capturing the colors of the sandstone buildings. The canyons were narrow and the sun cast some very interesting shadows. I wish I could put together the different colors of the stones and the outfits of the Bedouin men and women. The camel blankets today are not as beautiful as the ones we brought home 20 years ago. They are a mix of various fabrics dulled by the sand and sun. The young child that entertained us for almost an hour will have the photo we took of him hanging up in our living room. He was a delight and was happy playing with a dozen or so plastic beads. He was a little too energetic in swinging them and when they broke into many pieces we had fun helping him put together the beads. Unfortunately he probably lost the family's profits for the day.

I never made it to all the places I had hoped to visit but know that someday in the not too distant future I will go back and spend more time in both countries.

From the Chairman

The Rotarian Fellowship of Quilters and Fiber Artists has been awarded booth number 2726 in the 2016 House of Friendship in Seoul, Korea! If you are registered to attend the RI Convention in Seoul, please let me know right away. Our booth is one of the most visited at the convention thanks to all the beautiful items you donate each year to raise money for Polio Eradication. Cheryl Minshew and Helena Daniels will be chairing the booth. Please volunteer to spend at least a couple of hours helping in the booth while you are there. These ladies need a break, so they can enjoy the convention, too, and you will have fun meeting other fabric artists from around the world!

Congratulations to our 2016-2017 RFQFA Officers! Cheryl Minshew, Chairman; Helena Daniels, Vice Chairman; Marty Wyatt, Treasurer; and Diana Barden, Secretary. The term is effective July 1st.

It's also time to send out the request for \$15.00 US renewal dues for those who have annual memberships. I will be sending out the information for dues soon. I hope all of you will plan to renew your membership and continue to get our wonderful newsletter.

Our website, you may have noticed, is outdated due to an old software problem. I plan to upgrade the platform, so that we can have another avenue for sharing information and growing our membership. Don't forget to like us on Facebook.

Thank you!

Diana Barden, RFQFA Chairman 2003-2016

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Our Fellowship Makes A Difference: Layettes for Ethiopia by Diane Krans

As District 7120 Fellowship Chair, I try to have an article in each District newsletter highlighting aspects of different Rotary Fellowships. When the Newsletter for the Rotary Fellowship of Quilters and Fiber Artists arrived with the opportunity to assist making birthing kits for Ethiopia I saw the opportunity to highlight the fellowship I belong to. I had worked in the booth at both the Lisbon and Montreal Conventions and bought three lap quilts and donated several table runners. I am totally committed to the strength and skill of our members.

In the District 7120 Newsletter I wrote, "As a member of the Rotary Fellowship of Quilting and Fiber Arts I am excited with the opportunity to share in a Global grant to provide birthing kits. As many of you know our daughter, Kimberly was a midwife in Vermont at the time of her death and actually produced birthing kits that were used by all VT midwives so that consistency was provided at each home birth. I think this Global Grants appeal for either fabric or kits to be taken with the Vocational Training Team in April 2016 might be a project that matches your personal interests and those of Rotaractors and Interactors here in District 7120. I intend to get involved. Join me." Diane G. Krans dgkrans@gmail.com Penn Yan Rotary Club 315-536-7180."

This was followed with specifics of the grant. Within days I received calls from two Rotarians anxious to learn more. We requested the full size patterns which were mailed to us in no time: as it turned out several of us worked on this wonderful project. This project generated fun, fellowship and many phone calls. One Saturday anecdote involved one sewer who could not get the infant hat to turn properly. When she and I decided to meet the next morning about an hour from her home her husband said I can explain this to you, you don't need to drive down there. Of course once she saw it in person, the rest is history and yielded dozens of hats.

We continue to share the fun stories so now I have another club willing to take on sewing if you need more kits for your next trip. I could do this kind of project over and over because I can remember with love the families for whom my daughter served as midwife and the love they have shared with us including stories and photographs. Peace does begin one action at a time and helping to make peace a reality. Being peace.

District 7120 Rotarians involved in this project represented –

Rotary Club of Clyde: Barb Harper,
Fran Burt and
Melody Alaimo-Ellwood

Rotary Club of Penn Yan: Jeff and
Diane Krans

Rotary Club of Wolcott: Debbie Heit



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More websites:

<https://thewooleryguy.wordpress.com/2015/12/08/free-weaving-pattern-weaving-loom-primer/>

<http://www.allfreeknitting.com/>

<http://www.FaveCrafts.com>

Facebook pages:

Free Quilt Patterns

24 Blocks

American Patchwork & Quilting

**"Good friends are like quilts-they age with you,
yet never lose their warmth."**

We would like to feature your Club/District/organization that is involved in any handcraft project. Our members love reading about the work that you are doing. Please submit articles for the next issue or, if we have a huge response, future issues.

We would like to know which websites you go to when researching or searching for a specific pattern or yarn and/or fabric.