

2011 Quiltopia: A Weekend of Quilting Events in Salem, Oregon

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Quiltopia is an annual quilt festival that will inspire you to learn the joys of using textiles in a traditional and/or contemporary art form. It will take place September 30 through October 2nd at several venues in Salem.

The three-day festival includes a variety of activities, which includes the Quilt Show at the Mill (Willamette Heritage Center) and the Quilted Cottage Tour. This event will inform the novice to the experienced quilter on the role quilting has played in our heritage and the enrichment of our lives. Sylvia Dorney, President of Greenbaum's Quilted Forest, envisions the festival becoming a major attraction for the Salem area. "I believe it can have over time an economic impact similar to the Sister's Quilt Show, and at the same time showcase the many historical treasures we have in Salem."

Greenbaum's Quilted Forest and Helping Hands Resources are the leading forces in creating this festival. It started as The Quilted Cottage Tour, as a major fundraiser. The event was so successful that the organizers decided to create a festival that would incorporate other quilt related activities. Helping Hands is excited to be part of Quiltopia and honored to be the charity benefiting from the proceeds. Since 1967 Helping Hands has provided clothing and household items for adults and children, without charge to anyone in need. It is an all-volunteer, non-profit organization and currently meets the needs of over 30,000 clients each year.

The following quilting events take place the weekend of September 30th through October 2nd:

Quilt Show at the Mill (Willamette Heritage Center, Salem, OR)

Friday- Saturday, September 30th through October 2nd, 10 am – 5 pm, Sunday Noon -5pm. Tickets \$4.00 at door. Opportunity to show, sell, buy and view quilts and quilt tops and view wearable art and youth quilts. September 30th through October 2nd. Vendors on site. Jody Houghton is the featured artist. Come see her whimsical quilts.

10th Annual Quilted Cottage Tour

Sunday, October 2nd, Noon -5 pm, Tickets \$5.00. Self-guided tour of three locations laden with quilts — two private homes and Historic Deepwood Estate. Tickets for the 10th annual Quilted Cottage Tour at Greenbaum's Quilted Forest. Someone on the tour will win a sewing machine donated by Whitlock's Vacuum & Sewing Center.

Quilted Lectures/Demonstrations

Friday-Saturday, September 30th and October 1st, 10am – 4 pm. \$3.00 per class. Preview of classes, selection and times on website after September 1 at www.quiltedforest.com/events.

Handweaver's Show and Sale at the Mill (Willamette Heritage Center)

Friday-Saturday, September 30th and October 1st, 10 am-5 pm, Free

Greenbaum's Quilted Forest – Come visit our award winning shop. We were chosen as one of the top 20 quilt shops in the US and Canada by *American Patchwork and Quilting*, a division of Better Homes & Gardens. We will be hanging the "Green With Envy" Quilt Challenge on September 29th. It will be in the shop through Quiltopia, October 2nd.

Events at Historic Deepwood Estate

Saturday, October 1st — *Quilter's Tea*

In addition to a sumptuous tea, guests will be treated to a presentation by a special guest speaker and display of vintage and antique quilts throughout the 1894 Queen Anne Victorian style home. Currently owned by the City of Salem, the house is managed by the non-profit Friends of Deepwood. Full tour included with tea purchase. Seatings 11:30 & 1:30, Cost: \$30 per person, reservations required. Call 503.363-1825

Sunday, October 2nd — *Quilted Cottage Tour* 12 - 5

This ornate, multi-gabled 1894 Queen Anne style home hosts an outstanding display of antique and vintage quilts. Many of these quilts are from private collections and on public display for the first time. As you tour the home, enjoy intricate details such as the original woodwork and Povey stained glass windows throughout the house. A special exhibit on "Victorian Mourning Traditions" is also on display. Free with Quilted Cottage Tour Passport, admission fee for other guests. Historic Deepwood Estate 1116 Mission St. SE, Salem, OR 97302. Phone: 503.363.1825 Web: www.historicdeepwoodestate.com

Events at Bush House Museum

September 9-October 15 — *A Stitch in Time: Vintage Heirloom Quilts*

As a complement to the 2011 Quiltopia weekend events, the first weekend in October, the Bush House Museum is gathering vintage heirloom quilts from Salem area residents and collectors for this unique exhibition. Enjoy a range of handmade quilts from simple block patterns to elaborate appliqués made from the mid-1800s to the mid-1900s during regularly scheduled museum tours. This informative and inspiring exhibition of vintage quilts will be on view concurrently with the Salem Art Association juried art quilt exhibition at the Bush Barn Art Center.

Saturday October 1 — *Pie-oneer Day*

Pie-oneer Day combines the art of quilting with a pie baking competition to celebrate the farm heritage of Bush's Pasture Park. Enjoy an exhibition of vintage heirloom quilts on guided tours of the Bush House Museum, children's quilting activities and a delicious slice of pie. Visit the newly restored Bush Conservatory and view contemporary art quilts on display at the Bush Barn Art Center.

Sunday October 2 — *Quiltopia Passport Sunday*

The Quiltopia Weekend of quilt inspired events, the first weekend in October, is a fundraiser benefiting Helping Hands Resources a Salem based non-profit which provides clothing, bedding and household items to our neighbors in need. Those purchasing a Quiltopia Passport can get their complimentary passport stamped at the Bush Barn Art Center. The Bush House Museum will be open, at regular admission rates, for a special viewing of the *Bits & Pieces: Intuitive Quilts from the Northwest* exhibit and guided house tours. Enjoy quilting demonstrations and light refreshments during this one-day event.

Event at Bush Barn Art Center — Art Quilt Exhibition

Friday-Sunday September 30 — October 2, 10:00am-5:00pm

Bits & Pieces: Intuitive Quilts from the Northwest

Event at Helping Hands Resources

Sunday, October 2nd, Noon -4:00pm. Open House

“Green With Envy Quilt Challenge” hanging in the Forest, September 29th - October 5th. (Quilts submitted for challenge need to be in the Forest by September 24th. Free

Grand Hotel, Downtown Salem

Special rate package for Quiltopia overnight guests. Quilt display in lobby starting September through Quiltopia.

For more information on attending these events call Greenbaum's Quilted Forest at 503-363-7973 or visit their website: www.quiltedforest.com.