

## Salem show aims to inspire quilt makers, quilt lovers

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Salem's Quiltopia isn't the 35-year-old Sisters Outdoor Quilt Festival, which drew about 12,500 people to the Central Oregon town this summer, but organizer Sylvia Dorney can dream.

"We're working to make it like the Sisters quilt show, but it takes time," said Dorney, owner of Greenbaum's Quilted Forest.

Quiltopia started 11 years ago as The Quilted Cottage Tour, a major fundraiser for the Help Autism Now Society. It succeeded so well in raising funds and quilters' awareness that the event has grown to three days of exhibits, classes and special events.

About 1,200 people attended the main quilt show last year, Dorney said, and another 400 — the limit — attended the cottage tour. This year, organizers decided to take a break from the labor-intensive tour, in which quilters display their handiwork throughout their homes for the public to enjoy.

Even without the tour, there will be plenty of activities to encourage new quilters or help veterans hone their skills, Dorney said.

The main action will take place at the Willamette Heritage Center, with demonstrations and a quilt show. The Oregon State Fair exhibit "A Quilted Forest," which challenged quilters to interpret the forest in some way, will be re-hung at the heritage center's Mission Mill Museum. Greenbaum's is showing another challenge, "Whirled Peas" (say it three times, quickly). Entries sport such names as "It's All About the Veggies" and "Flying to Freedom."



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A visitor wanders through "A Quilted Forest" at the Oregon State Fair. The exhibit will be rehung during Quiltopia at Mission Mill Museum.

### Quiltopia events

Quilt Show at the Mill, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. Oct. 3, Willamette Heritage Center, 1313 Mill St. SE. Show, sell, buy and view quilts and quilt tops. Carole Kurth is the featured artist. Karla Alexander will teach quilt making using her new rulers (additional charge). Net proceeds benefit Help Autism Now Society. \$4 at the door.

Handweaver's Show and Sale at the Mill, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Willamette Heritage Center, 1313 Mill St. SE. Free.

"Whirled Peas" challenge, through Oct. 7, Greenbaum's Quilted Forest, 240 Commercial St. NE. Free.

Bush House Vintage Quilt Show, noon to 4 p.m. Friday through Oct. 3, Bush House Museum, 600 Mission St. SE. Tickets \$3 at [www.quiltedforest.com](http://www.quiltedforest.com) or \$4 at the door.

Bush Barn Featured Artists, through Oct. 10, Bush Barn Art Center, 600 Mission St. SE. Bonnie Hull and Kay Worthington will display their art quilts. Free.

Quilt Turning, noon Friday and Saturday, Willamette Heritage Center, 1313 Mill St. SE. Free with quilt show admission.

At the Historic Deepwood Estate, quilt owners can make reservations to enjoy a quilters' tea and tour of the Victorian home with quilts displayed throughout. The Bush Barn Art Center will feature a show by Kay Worthington and Bonnie Hull, two artists and friends. They have passed a quilt back and forth, each responding to the other's work. They're also showing quilts of their own.

"The show gets people excited and inspired to make new quilts," said Dorney.

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Quilters' Tea, 10 a.m. and noon Saturday, Historic Deepwood Estate, 1116 Mission St. SE. What's in a Name? Identifying and Documenting Our Quilts, tea, presentation and display of New York Beauty quilts, tour of 1894 Queen Ann Victorian home, \$30, includes donation to the Oregon Quilt Project, part of national effort to preserve information on quilts and quilt makers. Reservations required; call (503) 363-1825.

Quilt Documentation and Private Tea and Tour, Oct. 3, Historic Deepwood Estate: canceled.

Information: Call Greenbaum's Quilted Forest, (503) 363-7973 or go to [www.quiltedforest.com](http://www.quiltedforest.com).