



BEAVER COUNTY HISTORICAL RESEARCH AND LANDMARKS FOUNDATION

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Calling All Quilts!!

We are quilt historians on a mission to record the sewing heritage of southwestern Pennsylvania, one quilt at a time. This area has rich and varied sewing traditions which have led to the creation of an unknown number of hand-made quilts over the past 200 years. These quilts reflect the sewing skills, the artistic vision, and the loving care of women who made quilts as a way of documenting their lives and commemorating the lives of their loved ones. Help us to bring these family treasures to light!

On Saturday, January 28 from 10:00 – 4:00 PM quilt-loving volunteers at the Vicary Mansion will be available to document your quilts. Each quilt will be photographed and measured, and details about its history, ownership, and design will be noted.* With the owner's permission, a muslin identification label will be basted onto the back of the quilt.

~~THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS FOR A QUILT TO BE DOCUMENTED ARE:~~

1) they must be owned by a Beaver County resident

2) they cannot be commercially made.

Any type of hand-made quilt is welcome: patchwork, appliqué, embroidery, crazy quilts, whole cloth quilts, quilt tops that have never been completed as finished quilts. We'd like to document all of southwestern Pennsylvania's quilts we can find over the next few years. We will have pattern and fabric dating resources available to help you to confirm the age range of your treasured quilts. We will not, however, be able to appraise quilts during the documentation project. The data collected will be registered with the Quiltindex.org

There is **no fee charged** for this documentation, but a \$5.00 donation would be appreciated to defray the cost of the information sheets that you will be given about your quilt. Appointments must be made in advance so that no one will have a long wait for their quilt to be documented. We ask that each person bring no more than two quilts to their thirty-minute appointment. If you wish to have your quilt documented, please make an appointment by calling Linda at 724-775-1848.

Brenda Applegate

Jan Rodgers

*Please bring with you information about the maker. (birth, marriage and death dates, number of children, ethnicity, religion, where the quilt was made, how many quilts did the maker make, did she/he sell quilts, contests that were entered and anything else that might be of interest.