

Perquimans People

Perquimans Quilters Club needles work of art to give away

By VAL SHORT

At least 12 pairs of nimble hands having been working steadily for hundreds of hours needling thousands of tiny stitches creating a 90 inch by 107 inch quilt since January.

The quilt, made up of quilted and appliqued squares in a dogwood pattern, will be given away in a raffle at the Northeastern District Ex-

tension Homemakers Activity Day April 6 at Perquimans County High School.

Perquimans is hosting the annual event which will include Extension homemakers and agents from the 17 county Northeastern area.

The quilt has been painstakingly created by members of the Perquimans County Quilters Club, a group which was organized in 1980 to expand and promote awareness and education in the art of quilting.

Members of the club have met each Monday since January to put the quilt together. The quilt has gone from a mere pencilled drawing to a finished work of art in less than three months. But club secretary Ruth Eure estimates that at least 500 hours of total sewing have gone into creation of the quilt.

The dogwood quilt is the third created by the club to raffle and Mrs. Eure is sure "it's the prettiest I've ever seen."

Three crafts have been exhibited in the creation of this quilt, according to Mrs. Eure. She said applique, quilting and embroidery have all been used to put the quilt together. She said "good taste" was used in selected colors for the quilt, which is basically white, with green leaves and rust outlines.

Ten pillows have also been quilted by club members and constructed by local Extension Homemakers to also be raffled during District Day activities.

Although the dogwood design is not an original created by the club, Thelma Rogerson, former club president and active member, copied the design from a picture of a quilt square. From the picture she drew a pattern for the petals, limbs and stems.

"We just took it from there and made up the idea as we went along," said Mrs. Rogerson. She said the dogwood was selected because it is the state flower which blooms in the Spring and is a reminder of Easter.

Mrs. Rogerson said the club used the applique theme, using dogwood appliqued squares in each corner of the quilt with two in the center, forming a diamond. Squares with the quilted dogwood design are placed in between the appliqued squares.

The project took quite a bit of cooperation, according to Mrs. Rogerson, because, "We had to fit as we went along," she explained.

"But everyone cooperated and worked well together," she said.

Membership in the quilters club is

open to all ages and to anyone interested in the art of quilting, according to club president Lib Harris.

The club travels regularly to quilt shows and exhibits and plans to sponsor its own show this Fall. Mrs. Harris said the club members will make a dresden plate quilt using earth colors which will be raffled

during the show.

Tickets for the dogwood quilt will be on sale through April 6 at Darden's Department Store or at Woodland Dress Shop in Hertford, where the pillows are now on display. Raffle tickets, which are \$1, can also be purchased by calling the Perquimans Extension Office at 426-

7697.

The quilters have "signed" their work by embroidering "Dogwood — by Perquimans County Homemakers, 1983." The winner will not only win a hand created work of art, but also an heirloom and a part of Perquimans County — a prize, indeed.

People briefs

Elmer J. Tarkenton has returned to his home in Tuscon, Ariz. after visiting Mr. and Mrs. William Tarkenton, Mr. and Mrs. Joe White and other relatives here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Dillon spent the weekend at Kure Beach. While there, they attended the North Carolina Shell Club meeting which was held at the Marine Resources Center at Fort Fisher.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Meads and son, Tony, have returned from a vacation in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Mr. and Mrs. John Morris of High Point were weekend guests of Mrs. J.E. Morris.

Mr. and Mrs. J.T. Biggers returned home last week after spending several weeks with relatives in Pinehurst and friends in Orlando, Fla.

Mr. and Mrs. Welly White and Mrs. Kelly White have returned from a visit with relatives at Melbourne and St. Augustine, Fla.

Miss Barbara Symons, student at ECU, Greenville, spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Symons.

Dr. W.B. Tucker of Henderson was an overnight guest of his mother, Mrs. G.R. Tucker, on Thursday.

Mrs. Eldon Winslow and Miss Thelma Elliott left Monday to visit Lt. and Mrs. Tommy Manning at Altus, Oklahoma.

Mrs. Dick Brewer spent several days last week with Mr. Cleo Whitley at Williamston.

Mr. and Mrs. J.T. Biggers were weekend guests of their son-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. W.E. Schaaf, at Gloucester.

Mrs. Helen Woodard has returned from Fort Lauderdale, Fla., where she was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Hunter for several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mann of Virginia Beach, Va. were guests of Mrs. Ben Thach and Mrs. Phillip Thach on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bumbarger of Hickory were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Ward.

HOSPITAL NOTES

Mr. C.T. Skinner, Sr. is a patient in Chowan Hospital.

Mrs. Addie Keegan has returned home from Norfolk General Hospital.



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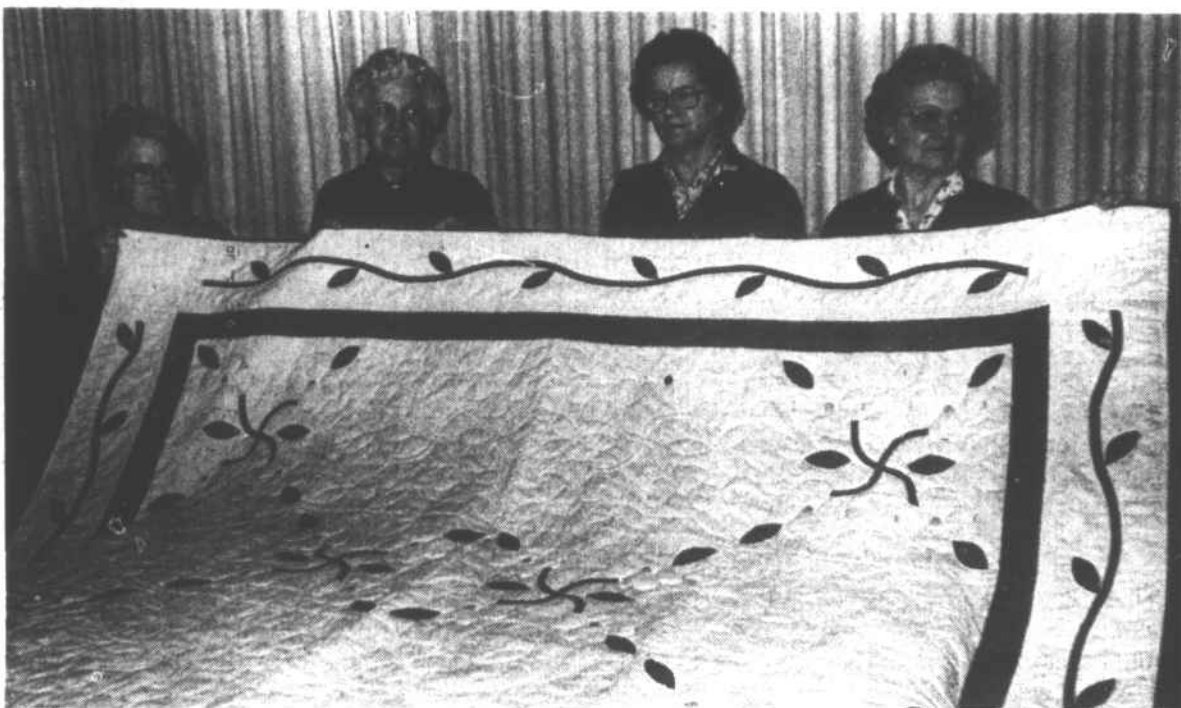
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Public Announcement

Mayor Bill Cox of the Town of Hertford has announced that a public hearing concerning the application for funds from the State of North Carolina under the Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program will be held on April 11, 1983 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building.

The proposed Community Development project would be centered in a target area which would include King Street from Church Street to Hyde Park, Gum Street, and the east side of Hyde Park to Dobbs Street. Within the target area, the Community Development project would involve the acquisition and demolition of approximately 11 residential and 3 commercial structures, the relocation of the persons occupying those dilapidated structures, and the rehabilitation of approximately 23 substandard residential structures. The estimated cost of this proposed project is \$539,545. The public hearing is being held prior to the submission of the application to the North Carolina Department of Natural Resources and Community Development in order to obtain suggestions, provide information, and respond to comments from the citizens of the Town of Hertford. All interested citizens are invited to participate in this meeting.



Members of the Perquimans Quilters Club proudly display their work of art — a hand-crafted dogwood quilt — which was made by club members to be given away at the Northeastern District Activity Day April 6 at Perquimans High School. Raffle tickets are now

available at the County Extension Office and also Woodland's Dress Shop and Darden's. Picture with the quilt are, from left to right, Olivia Madre, Thelma Rogerson, Margie Wood, and Ethel Winslow.

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