

Marquette County Quilts – Marquette County Historical Society Quilt Book

Mary Jean Thalacker's quilt collection started when her grandmother gave her the family quilts and related the stories about each one. Mary Jean then started collecting quilts throughout Marquette County and the stories that went with each one. In 2009, the Montello Historical Society hosted a Marquette County Quilt exhibit which featured all Marquette County quilts including a large part of the vintage quilt collection of Mary Jean Thalacker. In conjunction with that exhibit, the book *Patching Together History with Marquette County Quilts* was published.

Now, the Marquette County Historical Society has created a special quilt exhibit space that features a rotating selection of Mary Jean's quilts and wishes to produce a second edition of *Patching Together History* that will include all the quilts in the 2009 edition PLUS ADDITIONAL Marquette County vintage quilts. Proceeds from the book will benefit MCHS.

We will photograph, scan pictures, and gather stories about your quilt at the MCHS Kerst Building on two Saturdays this winter – dates to be announced. In addition we may ask permission to use your quilt in displays at the MCHS "Strawberry Sociable", Spring of 2017.

MCHS plans to have the book completed and for sale at the Strawberry Sociable in June of 2016. There will be two days where you can bring a quilt to include in this book. Here is the criteria:

The quilt must be a vintage quilt connected to Marquette County. It may have been made here or brought here by a settler family, for instance. By bringing it to one of the quilt days listed below, you are agreeing to have a photo taken of the quilt and giving permission for MCHS to include it in the book.

Please bring any photos associated with the quilt. They will be scanned and may be used in the book. For example, a photo of the quilter greatly enhances the story of the quilt. You will be able to take your photo home with you that day.

You can also fill out the form below and email a copy of the photo and the filled out form to Kathleen McGwin at mcgwin@frontier.com.

Submitting the form/photos and bringing the quilt to one of the two quilt days does not guarantee you a place in the book. MCHS retains the right to accept or deny use of any of the quilts if they don't meet criteria or if there is not adequate space in the book.

We will photograph, scan pictures, and gather stories about your quilt at the MCHS Kerst Building on Saturday - January 21st from 10 to 1 and Sunday, January 29th from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. In addition we may ask permission to use your quilt in displays at the MCHS "Strawberry Sociable", Spring of 2017.

Bring to MCHS in Westfield on Saturday, January 21 from 10 to 1 or Sunday, January 29 from 1 to 4 or submit by email with photos to mcgwin@frontier.com

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BASIC INFORMATION

Name, address, phone, and email, of person submitting quilt: _____

Name of quilt: _____

Date of quilt: _____

Name of quilter: _____

Location (Town, Village or City) of Original Home of quilter in Marquette County and/or the home where the quilt now resides: _____

Story of quilt: (use additional pages as needed)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION & ITEMS

- ✓ Family Photos: We would especially like photos of quilter & family, family homestead, , or other quilt related photos
- ✓ Favorite family quilting stories about the quilt or quilter: from whom it was handed down, events when it was used, why it was a favorite, how it is now used etc.
- ✓ Paragraph about the life of the person named above
- ✓ Paragraph by a living relative about the person named above, if deceased