

2024 Heritage Needlework Guild's "Quilt and Needlework Show" is an Applejack Tradition

If strolling past scores of colorful quilts and amazing needlework is your idea of a fun time, then you need to add this event to your Nebraska City Applejack Festival 'must do' list.

Browse through the rows upon rows of quilts and needlework items on display at the 2024 Annual Heritage Needlework Guild's **Quilt and Needlework Show**. With well over 100 items on display, this is one of the largest quilt and needlework shows in southeast Nebraska.

Held in the lower level of the Bethel Church at 2400 Central Avenue, Nebraska City, the dates for this year's Heritage Needlework Guild's **Quilt and Needlework Show** are **Sept. 20, 21 & 22**. Show hours are **Friday 4 - 7 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., and Sunday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.**

Over a hundred Guild member-made items will be on display. There will be bed quilts, baby quilts, wall quilts, table runners and toppers, needlework, wearable items and bead work. Quilts made by Guild members throughout the past year at various workshops and member challenge projects will be featured. Think of all the new, creative project ideas you can gather!

Cheryl Harms, a 60-year resident of Nebraska City, was named **the 2024 Heritage Needlework Guild Member of the Year**. Dozens of pieces representing two decades of her quilting will be on special display during this year's show. Her favorite technique is wool applique. Using both wool and cotton in fall colors and earth tones, Cheryl has created scores of quilts, wall hangings and throw pillows.

Two other big features of this Quilt and Needlework Show are the **Raffle Quilt** and the **Raffle Baskets**. This year's **Raffle Quilt** measures 90" by 70" and is called "**Twinkle Twinkle**." The quilt pattern was designed by Wendy Sheppard, pieced by Margaret Om and machine quilted by Valerie Duncan.

Raffle Baskets full of fabric, yarn, pattern books and other 'sewing goodies' are assembled by Guild members. These baskets contain a variety of sewing and needlework items, such as fabrics, yarn, pattern books and handy sewing tools. They follow varied themes such as Baby, Christmas, Huskers, etc.

Tickets for both raffles are \$1 each or 7 tickets for \$5 and may be purchased at the show. Winning tickets are drawn at 4 p.m., on Sunday and winners will be quickly notified.

Since last year's addition of selling **member-made potholders** was such a huge hit, Guild members are busy making more for this year. These make perfect gifts for anyone you know who cooks, bakes or grills, no matter the age. They cover an amazing width of themes and shapes, ranging from sports teams, children-themed, whimsical and elegant. There will be something there to inspire all the cooks in your life, making them great gifts for Christmas, birthdays, bridal showers, hostess, Mother's Day and Father's Day.

This show is handicapped accessible and there is plenty of free parking at Bethel Church. Entry is \$5 at the door for the day. There is also an \$8 weekend pass available. The money collected from admission, the raffles and potholder sales assists the Guild with its community service projects, such as donations to area food banks and patriotic lap quilts for veterans.

Put a trip to the **2024 Annual Heritage Needlework Guild Quilt and Needlework Show** on your Applejack weekend activity list and enjoy the many items on display.

The Heritage Needlework Guild is a non-profit organization whose purpose is to contribute to the growth and knowledge of needlework techniques, textiles, patterns and history by providing educational meetings, travel and fellowship. Our mission is to: preserve and promote information about needlework, sponsor and support activities related to needlework, encourage making, collecting, exhibiting and appreciating fine needlework, as well as promoting recreation and friendship for the members.

We invite you to be our guest at a Guild meeting. Our meetings are held the 4th Tuesday of each month, except December, at the First Evangelical Lutheran Church at 315 S 16th Street in Nebraska City, NE. Social time begins at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting and presentation begin at 7:00. Stop by and see what we are all about.

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