The Oregon Quilt Project

The Oregon Quilt Project (OQP) is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to documenting, collecting, and preserving information about the quilts and quilt makers of Oregon, past and present. Starting in 2010, the multi-year, statewide documentation survey will travel to all parts of Oregon, documenting quilts and their stories.

What is a Quilt Documentation Project?

In 1981, the first statewide quilt documentation project was established in Kentucky. The Kentucky Quilt Project surveyed the state's quilts, collected data for permanent reference on more than 1000 quilts, and published and exhibited highlights from the survey. Following Kentucky, dozens of other state quilt documentation projects have been conducted and results published, exhibited, and archived.

OQP Survey

The Oregon Quilt Project will conduct its documentation using the methods provided by The Quilt Index - a national online database of quilt information. Each OQP record will include any known history of the quilt, a detailed description of the size, block design, style, fabrics, thread, batting, backing, quilting, etc., and pictures of the whole quilt and detail shots. Information and images will be archived as part of the OQP database, and will eventually be included in The Quilt Index.

Documentation Days

Documentation Days will begin in Sisters, Oregon, in April, 2010. All quilt owners are encouraged to bring quilts for documentation. OQP will document quilts made in Oregon, quilts brought to Oregon, and quilts of any age, condition, or style - even unfinished tops. The survey will include quilts made as bed coverings and for display, but will not include wearable art or other fiber arts.

How to get your Quilt Documented

Please choose one of the documentation sessions below that you would like to participate in. Then follow the instructions for how to sign up. Please note: All documentations require a scheduled appointment. All appointments are filled on a first come, first serve basis. The cost is $10 per documentation.

First Session: Thursday, April 29, 2010 Sisters, OR 9 AM – 5 PM
Location: The Heritage Building, 220 S. Pine St. - less than a block away from the Stitchin' Post
Call the Stitchin' Post at 541-549-6061 to schedule an appointment.

Second Session: Friday, Saturday and Sunday, June 25, 26, 27 9 AM – 5 PM
Location: TBA in Sisters (close to Quilt Show office)
Call or email Martha Spark, Project Coordinator at 541-637-5178, email: quiltinfo@frii.com to schedule an appointment.

Third Session: Saturday, July 10, 2010 Sisters, OR 10 AM – 3 PM
Location: Outdoor Quilt Show day. The OQP's "Mobile Quilt Documentation Team" will be documenting ***show quilts*** for owners/makers that will be on site that day. Owners/makers are asked to bring a copy of their Quilt Registration Form with them, in case their quilt is not at eye level.
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For more information, please visit the Oregon Quilt Project web site at: www.oregonquiltproject.org

Let's Keep Quilt History Alive in Oregon! Let's do it Together!