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Bond County Historical Society Quilt Show This Saturday

On Saturday, March 18, 2017, Bond County Historical Society will be hosting their 15th annual quilt show and 3rd annual bed turning program at the Greenville Free Methodist Church, 1367 Route 140, Greenville, Illinois. The quilt show will be open to the public from 9:00am until the viewers' choice prizes are awarded at 4:00pm. Bed turning demonstrations are scheduled for 10:00am and 2:00pm. Project/technique demonstrations are scheduled for 11:00am, 1:00pm, and 3:00pm. March 18 is also National Quilt Day!

Over 100 quilts are expected to be on display at the quilt show. There will be prizes given for the favorite baby/wall quilt, favorite hand-quilted quilt, favorite machine-quilted quilt and favorite contemporary artistic quilt, so be sure to pick up your viewers' choice ballot at the door before you explore the quilt exhibit halls. A collection of doll quilts owned by Cindy Catron is a unique addition to the show in 2017. Quilt block contest winners will also be on display. This year 17 entries utilizing the theme "County Fair" are showcased.

For the eleventh consecutive year, a Bond County quilter will be featured. In 2017, it is Joyce Skinner of rural Pocahontas and member of the Black Diamond Quilt Guild. A retired teacher, and wife of farmer Wayne Skinner, Joyce started sewing doll clothes at eight years old. After a one-time quilt project with her then school-age daughters, Joyce took up quilt work again when she decided to make baby quilts for her grandchildren. Joyce has mostly crafted "pieced" quilts, and also a few embroidered and appliquéd, making just the tops and having them quilted by others. She has sewed quilt tops and bags for children hospitalized because of cancer and made lap robes for nursing homes. Joyce will have over forty of her favorite quilts spotlighted in the special display; many others are with family around the country.

Every quilt has a story, so join BCHS as we present the old fashioned social event of a "bed turning" at 10am and again at 2pm. A stack of quilts are removed one by one from a bed frame as stories are told about the making of each. The antique quilts to be turned will be provided by community members and the Hoiles-Davis Museum. As in the old days when the quilter would invite guests in to show off her quilts we, too, will present the family stories and meanings of the handiwork stitched into these specially chosen quilts! For those of you who have not seen a bed turning, you will be in for a treat.

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Free demonstrations of various quilt- and accessory-making techniques will be offered throughout the day: “Making a Big Bag” by Ramona Ulmer at 11am, “Crazy Quilt” by Betty Boehm at 1pm, and “Heat Color Set” by Juanita Burge at 3pm.

Seven quilt shop, jewelry, handicraft, and other vendors will also be set-up at the show.

Tickets are still available for the Queen size, four square log cabin raffle quilt, machine pieced and quilted in silver and ruby hued fabrics. The quilt was created by Shirley Pustelnik of the local Black Diamond Quilt Guild. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. The quilt may be seen periodically in the window of the Bond County Treasurer’s office or on Bond County Historical Society’s website, www.bondcountyhistorical.org. A winner will be drawn at the conclusion of the quilt show.

Admission to the quilt show is \$3.00. For more information contact Nadine Baldwin, quilt show chairwoman, at (618) 567-1948 or Jan Eyman, quilt show co-chair, at (618) 326-7343.