

‘Southern Comforts’ Quilt Show Returns

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The Sea Island Quilters will present their biannual “Southern Comforts” quilt show on Friday, May 10, and Saturday, May 11, at the National Guard Armory (Beaufort Readiness Center), 1 Cavalry Lane, Beaufort, SC (Highway 21 near the Marine Corps Air Station). The hours are from 10 am to 5 pm on Friday and 10 am to 4 pm on Saturday. Admission is \$7.00 for adults. Children under 12 are free.

The Sea Island Quilters was founded in 1987 “to foster the art of quilting, to encourage high standards of design and techniques in all of its various forms, and to stimulate an interest in the goals within the community.”

Featured at the show will be approximately 150 quilts of all sizes and styles from traditional, to modern, to contemporary art. For the show, the quilters have created a beautiful quilt – “Stars Over the Lowcountry.” Sparkling with clear, vibrant colors, crisp points, and exquisite quilting, the quilt will be raffled on Saturday afternoon. From the pattern “Roundabout Stars” by Eleanor Burns, it is based on the traditional “Tennessee Waltz” design. The quilt was made under the leadership of Lynn O’Neal of Creative Clutter Quilting who also designed the quilting motifs.

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Other quilters who participated were guild members Pat Bennett, Shelby Berry, Mary Campbell, Karen Guinn, Brenda McLeod, Joey Patrucco, Ginger Smith, and Andrea West. Professional long arm quilting is by Cathy Persson of CJ Design Studio. Tickets for the quilt are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00.

Back by popular demand, in addition to the show and quilt raffle, there will be an opportunity to purchase tickets for various themed gift baskets. A small merchant's mall will be available for shopping. Items include fabrics, threads, embroidery and wool supplies, long arm quilting demos, tools, templates, and more.

Proceeds from the quilt show will be used to support guild activities such as making quilts for local children's shelters, assisting students and adults who want to learn to quilt, and sponsoring lectures and workshops. During its 30-plus year history, the guild has hosted many national teachers and authors and has donated hundreds of quilts to deserving community organizations.

The judge for the show is Connie Davidson of Sun City, Hilton Head, SC. Davidson has been quilting for 35-40 years and is a past president of the National Quilting Association. Ribbons will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in each of 15 categories. Attendees will also have the opportunity to vote for their favorite quilt to be awarded a "Viewer's Choice" ribbon.

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