



# The Batsto Quilters

## First Annual Quilters Picnic was a Great Success

On Sunday, July 15, 2001, the Batsto Quilters sponsored their first annual Quilters Picnic.



Cottage No. 42, Historic Batsto Village.  
Home of the Batsto Quilters.

Bright sunshine and cool summer breezes at Historic Batsto Village made for perfect conditions for spending a wonderful Sunday afternoon viewing the beautiful quilts of the Batsto Quilters. Exquisite Victorian Crazy Quilts, quilted clothing,

fabric dyeing and a variety of beautiful quilt tops were on display for all to admire.

Some of the finest quilt artists in South Jersey gathered to show off their talents and to spread the word that quilts are not just for keeping warm on a cold winter's night.

Inside Cottage No. 42, little children were making 19th Century rag dolls out of plain muslin fabric, much like the little girls of yesteryear. Other small quilts and quilt blocks also decorated the tiny cottage. Lynn Hannigan is a wonderful hostess. You feel at home as soon as you enter the room.

Be sure to join us on October 21, 2001, 10 am to 4 pm at the Batsto Village Country Living Fair. There will be many new things to see.

### The Batsto Quilters...who are we?

Last year, the Batsto Quilters began volunteering at historic Batsto Village, a nationally recognized historic site, located in Batsto, north-east of Hammonton, NJ. Their goal is to re-introduce the art and tradition of quilt making, which as a long association with the Pinelands region of New Jersey. Located in Cottage No. 42, the quilters spend many weekends demonstrating quilt making to the public and planning projects to benefit the site.

This year, the group is creating the first of a series of Batsto-made quilts that will be raffled in October at the Village's Country Living Fair. The funds raised will be used for conservation of the Stewart quilt, made at Batsto Village around 1865 and is currently on exhibit in the Visitors Center Museum. Be sure to take a tour of Batsto Mansion, where more quilts are on display.

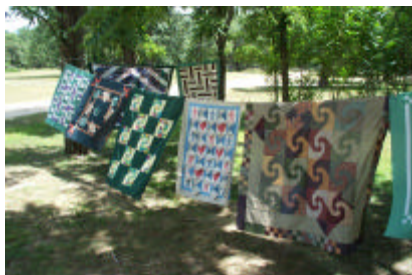
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#### Quilt shows and exhibitions

- *Quilts Along the Bay. September 8 & 9th. Barnegat, NJ*
- *South Shore Stitchers, October 19 & 20th, Ocean City, NJ.*
- *Country Living Fair. Batsto Village, October 21, 2001 10 am -4. pm*
- *...for more information on these and other exhibitions contact Lynn Hannigan*

## Libby Kube Hage, The “Queen of Tops”, shows off her quilts and her poetry



Libby Kube Hage, of the Batsto Quilters, showed off her many beautiful quilt tops and dazzled all with her wonderful poem on quilting. Have you ever laughed and cried the same time?

Libby is the owner of Glory Bee Quilting. She began her pursuit of

quilting in 1976 and in 1990 embarked upon a career dedicated to the preservation and education of the art of quilting. Using a humorous approach, Libby teaches her students that quilting is a fun and rewarding experience. She provides a diversified curriculum of classes, workshops and lectures for local quilt shops and quilting guilds.

Libby believes in continuing education and is working on a completion of her NQA teaching certification. She is an active member of several quilting guilds and independent sewing groups. Libby first class of the fall season, **Beginning/**

**Intermediate Quilting** starts November 6, 2001 at Quilted Treasures, 416 Raritan Avenue, Atco, NJ. If you want to learn how to quilt or just fine tune your skills, sign up for Libby’s class. Libby is also giving a one day class on **Snippets** on Nov. 4, 2001. Hurry up, this class will fill up quickly.

Libby’s friendly, outgoing personality helped to make The Batsto Quilters annual picnic as raving success. Libby lives in South Jersey with her husband Bill, their two dogs and the family cat. You can contact her at 856-694-1449 or at: [Glorybeequilts@hotmail.com](mailto:Glorybeequilts@hotmail.com)

## The Stewart Quilt, “Rising Sun” circa 1865, is preserved at Historic Batsto Village

This handcrafted quilt is believed to have been made at Batsto Village in the mid-19th century by Margaret Stewart. Her husband, Robert, served as the business manager of Batsto for the Richards family at that time. According to the Stewart family, Robert cut the fabric squares used in the creation of this quilt, which measures 93 inches in width by 97 inches in length. The quilt is believed to have been retrieved from the Stewart home during the fire of 1874, which destroyed much of Batsto Village. Safeguarded by descendants for many years, the quilt was

donated to Batsto Village in March 2000 by the late Margaret Glen Stewart Brodbeck of Pottstown, Pennsylvania.

The goal of The Batsto Quilters is to raise money to help preserve The Stewart Quilt. Please join us on Sunday, October 21, 2001, from 10 am till 4 pm at the Country Living Fair, at Historic Batsto Village. We will be raffling off a quilt made by The Batsto Quilters. All the proceeds will be donated to the preservation of The Stewart Quilt. Some lucky individual will win a beautiful quilt.



## Inside Cottage No. 42. Home of the Batsto Quilters

It is like stepping back a hundred and fifty years when you enter Cottage No. 42. This tiny cottage is wonderfully decorated with hand-made quilts and period furniture.

Many of the quilts on display were made by the volunteers. On hand that day were **Pam Eppleman, Brenda Piot, Diana Leadley and Lynn Hannigan**. These ladies can be found demonstrating their craft several weekends in the summer, so stop by Cottage No. 42 and take a look.

When you stop in, be sure to check out the raffle quilt. The tickets will be available at The Country Living Fair, October, 21, 2001. When you are at the fair, stop by to talk to the quilters and learn more about quilts.

If you want to show off your next quilt at Cottage No. 42, or just want to make a quilt for yourself, stop by Quilted Treasures and let the experts teach you to fine art of quilting.



*Lynn Hannigan of Quilted Treasures welcomes guests inside Cottage No. 42, Batsto Village.*

# Victorian Crazy Quilts: What is Past is Prologue



Jeanne Hagerman showing off her beautiful handwork

Jeanne Hagerman of Victorian Crazy Patch is an avid crazy quilter who loves sharing her craft with others. She has created many Victorian treasures including crazy quilted Christmas stockings for each member of her family. Her work has been exhibited in several quilt shows and she recently won a First Place ribbon

in the New Jersey State Quilt Show. As a member of The Crazy Quilt Society she has attended all four Crazy Quilt conferences in Omaha, Nebraska, where she participated in classes and lectures taught by Judith Baker Montano, Christine Dabbs, Penny McMorris and other well know Crazy Quilt teachers from England and Australia.

Jeanne works with the Woodbury Historical Society in research and documentation of textiles. She recently reviewed the quilts in the Batsto Mansion and was able to provide useful information about the quilts and insight concerning the quilt maker. You can look for her teaching schedule at Quilted Treasures, Atco, NJ and local continuing adult education programs throughout South Jersey.

Trish Walton, who hails originally from Western Pennsylvania also teaches crazy quilting and fine hand work. Trish specializes in Baltimore Album Quilts. Trish has many years experience in quilt making and her work will be featured in the next newsletter.

New to the Batsto Quilters and Quilted Treasures is Claire Giblin. An experienced quilter, Claire teaches at the New Jersey State Quilt Guild and will be teaching classes at Quilted Treasures this fall.

Please look at the Quilted Treasures newsletter for times and dates for all the classes offered by all the wonderful quilt teachers.

## A brief history of quilting

It is said that when a person sleeps under a quilt, that person is wrapped in love. If you own one or more of these treasures, you are fortunate indeed.

In the 19th century, a household often owned two types of quilts; utility quilts and fancy quilts. Everyday or utility quilts were simple; little effort was applied to the construction. Fancy quilts were a sample of the quilt makers stitching and design talents. These were prized possessions and often

reserved for special occasions.

During the Civil War, many soldiers carried with them hand made quilts from home. Very few of these quilts survived the harsh conditions of battle.

Today, quilts are less utilitarian and more or an art form. With many fine fabrics to

*A quilt warms the heart and soul as well as the body. Made by hand, with love, a quilt wraps you in comfort and in history.*

choose from, today's quilters create works of art that hang in museums and quilt exhibitions throughout the world along side the antique quilts of yesterday.

The story of quilts is a story that is forever being written by quilters of yesterday, today and tomorrow.

## Quilted clothing: Century's of Tradition

Sharon Densten of Sharon's Creations, is a Certified Teacher of Home Economics and teaches many classes at Quilted Treasures. One of Sharon's specialties is Quilted Clothing Construction.

Today's fine, colorful fabrics, lends itself wonderfully to beautiful clothing. However, there is a history behind quilted clothing.

Quilted petty coats were worn under the

dresses of Victorian women during the winter and quilted under garments were worn beneath the armor of the soldiers during The Crusades. Quilted silk was worn by warriors in the orient to protect them from arrows and spears. Finely spun silk, quilted into clothing was nearly impenetrable, saving many a warriors life. Today's quilted clothing is both warm and fashionable



Sharon Densten is passing on the tradition by teaching a little girl how to make Yo Yo's for a quilt.

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We're coming to the Web  
Soon. Watch for us.

*If you have an interest in quilting and have a few hours a month to spare, please consider becoming a member of the Batsto Quilters. In addition to learning and sharing your skills, you will help make a visit to Batsto Village a memorable experience for all.*

*Whether you are a newcomer or a veteran quilter, the Batsto Quilters welcome you to join them in preserving an American Treasure.*

*Join us at the Batsto Village's Country Living Fair, October 21, 2001. Come visit us at Cottage No. 42 and see what wonders we have created.*

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## Country Living Fair 2002



The next Country Living Fair at Batsto Village is scheduled to be held on October 20, 2002 from 10 am to 4 pm. Be sure to check out our events calendar at: <http://batstoquilters.netfirms.com/events.htm>

### **Directions from Philadelphia:**

Take Walt Whitman Bridge to North/South Freeway, Route 42, to Atlantic City Expressway. Continue to Exit #2B (Hammonton). Exit to Route 54 & turn left. Go to the 4th traffic light and turn right onto Route 30 East (White Horse Pike). Go to the next light & turn left. Go the end of the road and turn left at the "T" intersection onto Route 542. Go 9 miles and the Historic Batsto Village

is located on the left.

Or...

Take the Tacony Palmyra Bridge to Route 73. Continue to Route 30 (White Horse Pike) and exit right to go East. Continue to a railroad overpass and then drive to the 3rd traffic light (approximately 3 more miles), and turn left. Go to the next light & turn left. Go the end of the road and turn left at the "T" intersection onto Route 542. Go 9 miles and the Historic Batsto Village is located on the left.

### **Parkway Directions from South Jersey:**

Take Garden State Parkway North to Exit #50 (New Gretna), exit to Route 9 North to a Gulf Gas Station. Turn left onto Route 542, continue for 12 Miles, Batsto Village is on the right.

### **Parkway Directions from North Jersey:**

Take the Garden State Parkway South to Exit #52 (New Gretna). Turn right at stop sign onto E. Greenbush Road.

Make left at stop sign. Go over two small wooden bridges. Pilgrim Lake Campground will be on Right. Make left onto Leektown Road. Continue 2 miles to a stop sign. Stay straight on Leektown Road. Continue 3 miles to stop sign. Turn right onto Route 542 West. Stay on 542 for approx. 9 Miles. Batsto Village is on the right.

### **From Trenton/Mt. Holly Area:**

Take Route 206 South, to mile marker #3 and make a left onto Route 613. Continue on 613 and make left onto Route 693. Follow 693 until the road ends and make left onto 542, the Village is on your left.