

News from Genoa Main Street



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Quilt & Needle Arts Walk Returns January 24-29

Genoa Warms Up Winter with Quilts & Needlework

Genoa Main Street, Inc. invites area residents to display their handiwork at the third annual Quilt & Needle Arts Walk in downtown Genoa January 24-29, 2011. Quilts, embroidery, knitting, weaving, lacework, needlepoint, rugs, handmade dolls and more will be on display throughout downtown. Speakers, demonstrations and hands-on opportunities will keep visitors busy all week. This year's walk is sponsored by Basketcases Unlimited of Clare.

"There is such a great tradition of needlework in this area," says Dolores Gallagher, committee chair. "It's fun to get the quilts and other projects out of the house so everyone can enjoy them." Anyone who would like to display their work should call or e-mail Genoa Main Street, Inc. Volunteers can pick up and return the items, making it very easy to participate.

A number of activities are planned for the week of the event. These include displays of Quilts of Valor and Home of the Brave quilts, demonstrations of weaving, spinning, rug hooking, lace making, tatting, embroidery and more, plus presentations by local artisans Shirley Gylleck and Dorothy Laing.

This year's featured artist is Lizz Ploppert, known for her creative and unusual creations. Lizz's "out of the box" presentation of her magical quilts and other items will be held on Saturday, January 29, at 10:30 a.m.

Kids also will enjoy a fun filled day on Saturday. Kids Day at the Walk will include hands-on learning experiences, demonstrations and projects to take home.

For information on displaying quilts or needlework and a schedule of events, go to genoamainstreet.org, e-mail genoamainstreet@atcyber.net or call 815 784-6961.

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Established in 1996, Genoa Main Street, Inc. is a volunteer organization dedicated to preserving Genoa's historic heritage and small town wholesomeness while promoting economic development and downtown improvements.



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Volunteers are planning a week filled with activities for Genoa's 2011 Quilt & Needle Arts Walk, January 24-29, 2011. Speakers, demonstrations, contests, special exhibits and presentations will have visitors forgetting the cold winter weather. Local quilters, knitters, rug makers, and all kinds of needle workers are invited to display their handiwork. More information is available at genoamainstreet.org or by calling 815 784-6961. From left are Mim Evans, Genoa Main Street executive director (back to camera), Dorothy Laing, Joann Burrows, Carolyn McQuillan of Basketcases Unlimited, Julie Nichols, Pat Barger, Gene Bradford and Dolores Gallagher.