

News from Genoa Main Street



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Genoa's Quilt & Needle Arts Walk, January 24-29

Quilters and Needle Workers Take Over Town

Renowned quilter Lizz Ploppert will headline a long list of presenters at Genoa's Quilt & Needle Arts Walk, January 24-29. Presentations and demonstrations will compliment displays of local needlework throughout downtown. This is the third year that Genoa Main Street, Inc. has brought this event to downtown Genoa.

As a special keepsake of the event, Genoa Main Street will be giving away over 100 free gifts during the weeklong event. The gifts are one-of-a-kind pin cushions in tea cups and mugs. Each one is unique with different mugs and fabric. They are all handmade by Dorothy Laing who donated them for the event.

Lizz Ploppert is the featured speaker at this year's event. She will present "Quilting Out of the Box" on Saturday, January 29 at 10:30 a.m. The presentation will be at the former Genoa City Hall at 113 North Genoa Street.

"Lizz Ploppert is our featured speaker this year. She is known for her 'magical' quilts,'" said Mim Evans, Genoa Main Street executive director. "They start out looking like regular quilts but turn into all sorts of things."

Ploppert began as a crafter more than 40 years ago, but has only been quilting about 12 years.

"My dolls led me into sewing and the whimsy you need to channel for making dolls only increased with quilting. This will be a trunk show of 'magical' quilts and 'I'll introduce you to a few of my friends that started the whole thing!'," said Ploppert.

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“The quilts may appear to be exactly what they seem - a birdhouse, a baby’s toy block, a Chinese take-out box - but don’t be so sure about that! My quilted constructions are hard to pigeon-hole so come see for yourself – and be inspired to try something different with your quilts!” she said.

Sherry Branson, a professional quilt appraiser, will conduct appraisals on Thursday in the lobby of the Illinois Community Credit Union. The fee for each appraisal is \$35.00. Appointments are recommended and can be arranged by calling 815 713-1963. Walk-ins will be accepted as time allows.

Additional experts on hand during the week include:

- Shirley Gylleck who will present a trunk show on Tuesday at 2 p.m.
- Dorothy Laing who will talk about her unique quilted bowls and more on Wednesday at 11 a.m.
- Margaret Steele who will exhibit “Home of the Brave” blocks all day Wednesday.
- Donna Langford who will present “How to Quilt and Tear” on Thursday at 1:30 p.m.
- Evelyn Cooley will present “Flax into Linen” on Friday at 11:00 a.m.
- Numerous demonstrators of fiber arts including felting, spinning, wool appliqué, rug making and more from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. on Friday
- Kids Day on Saturday with demonstrations and lessons from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

For more information go to genoamainstreet.org or call Genoa Main Street at 815 784-6961.

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. Genoa has been an Illinois Main Street designated community since 1996.

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Caption for Pin Cushion Cups.jpg

More than 100 one-kind tea cups and mugs filled with pincushions all handmade by Dorothy Laing (center) will be given away as gifts during Genoa’s Quilt & Needle Arts Walk January 24-29. Laing is shown with fellow Quilt Walk planners (from left) Gene Bradford, Mim Evans, Genoa Main Street, Inc. executive director, Joanne Burrows and Carolyn McQuillan of Basketcases Unlimited. The event is hosted by Genoa Main Street and sponsored by Basketcases Unlimited, Tammy Tadd Designs and Waste Management.



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