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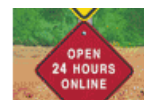
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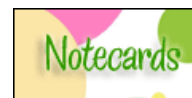
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Quilting workshop attracts from 10 states, 3 countries??

Session sells out months in advance.

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Karen Lipton hasn't returned to the Paducah area since she moved to the Netherlands almost 30 years ago. It took a quilting class at the Museum of the American Quilter's Society to bring her back.

"In the 1970s, I was general manager of the Evansville (Ind.) Philharmonic Orchestra, before there was quilting in Paducah," Lipton said. "This is the first time I've been back here in all these years."

Nineteen quilters from 10 states and two foreign countries have been attending the three-day workshop "A New Tradition in Quilting," taught by Diane Gaudynski of Pewaukee, Wis., which concludes today at the museum. Gaudynski has three quilts in the museum's permanent collection. The class can take up to 20 students, but a quilter from Canada had to cancel at the last minute.

"These are the hard-core quilters," said Jessica Byassee, the museum's director of public affairs. "They come from all over. We had to schedule two of the workshops because it filled up so fast."

Lipton now lives in Heemstede in the province of North Holland, where her husband is a professional musician with the Netherlands Philharmonic Orchestra. She teaches quilting classes.

"Quilting is big in Holland," she said.

"The Dutch have a quilting tradition dating back to the 1700s. I know quilters in Holland who come to Paducah for the quilt show and I have some friends coming this year."

Nadine Ruggles, a Las Vegas native



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LANCE DENNEE/The Sun
Karen Lipton of Holland works on advanced quilting technique Friday at the Museum of the American Quilter's Society.??

who is stationed in Stuttgart, Germany, with her military husband, has been planning her Paducah trip with friends since August. "My husband is home with the kids," she said. "We're going to stay here and quilt after the class. We have a hotel room with a big table."



Ruggles has taught quilting classes in Germany, with the help of a translator. "There is a nice quilting community, but it is fairly small," she said. "I belong to a German-American quilt guild. Quilts over there have a lot more art quality and they have a completely different use of colors and patterns. I don't think they have all the preconceived notions of what quilts should be and a lot of them are more frugal."

LANCE DENNIE/The Sun
Nadine Ruggles of Germany works on a background design while machine quilting. She is originally from Las Vegas. ??

Donna Northcutt, a real-estate agent from Collierville, Tenn., said she was amazed at the diversity of the students. "We have a dentist and quilt teachers," she said. "Everyone is from different places. You had to sign up for the class in August or you didn't get in. All of us were at Hancock Fabrics at 8 (Friday) morning saying, 'Let us in, let us in.' And they were so sweet and let us in because we're in class during their hours."

Jan Schuett of Florissant, Mo., brought her own sewing machine, as did many of the students. "You have a giant amount of supplies when you travel," she said. "I always come for the quilt show, the last eight or nine years. And I've brought friends here. Paducah is a great place to come. I love the antique stores and the riverfront. It's a cute little town."

Gaudynski's next workshop is Aug. 9-11.??

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