

HERITAGE FRIENDSHIP QUILT

We have outlined below all the details we know about the quilt, maybe some of their friends or local historians will be able to fill in some of the details on the Quilters. I am also not sure of the spelling of the quilter "Nora Prinser", the name is not familiar and the spelling maybe incorrect, once again hopefully someone knows her or her family.

Please feel free to rewrite or add any information you might have.

If you would like any further information we will try and provide what we can.

John and Sandra Robinson

Heritage Quilt

This Quilt was recently completed by Sandra Robinson, wife of John Robinson, son of Nancy Robinson, one of the contributors to the 12 individual panels of the quilt.

Nancy was one of the founders of what I know as the first library in Beaufort, it was located in a closet of the Beaufort Elementary School.

Nancy and Jerry Robinson lived at 22 Fieldfare ave in Beaufort from the early 50's to 1978 when they moved west to Wetaskiwin Alberta to be closer to their family.

The individual panels of the quilts were designed and hand quilted by the ladies of a quilting group. This group held a very successful annual Quilt and Craft Sale at the Beaufort United Church.

I do not know the exact date when the panels were quilted, however, I suspect that it was in the mid to late 70's. Nancy brought the panels west with her when she moved to Wetaskiwin.

For reasons unknown, Nancy never completed the quilt, however after her death, Sandra kept the panels and after finding the Facebook page "Beaufort Friends from Long Ago" decided to complete the quilt and send it East.

Hopefully some of the sons and daughters and friends of these women will view the quilt and remember their time in Beaufort and these ladies.

Quilter's names:

Deloris Coltier
Madeline Hartley
Alison Herman
Joyce Keay
Muriel Lisle
Audrey Norlen
Nora Printz
Fran Roberts
Nancy Robinson (2 squares)
Janet Singer
Ada Wiggins

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All of these ladies have past away except for Audrey Norlen now Barucha.
We have been able to locate Joyce, daughter of Janet Singer, and through her, Gail Stein Hogue, oldest daughter of Janet Singer.

Here are parts of emails that have been exchanged following this entry to the Roberta-Angell 2014 Prize:

This is Gail Stein Hogue, oldest daughter of Janet Singer. I was talking to Marie MacGregor in Beaconsfield, she and Mom joined the quilting group after the group you are looking for. She remembers all of these ladies and thinks the only one who may be still alive is Audrey Norlen now Barucha, possibly moved to Ottawa. Not sure about Joyce Keay, she was at Mom's 95th birthday party in Mar. 2011, sadly, Mom passed away May 30, 2011. The last time I saw Nora Printz was at Mom's 90th, she has since passed away too. I went to Guide Camp with Nancy Robinson, she was a Guide Leader that would be early 60s.
If I can be of any help please let me know.

It is fun to see stuff from long ago.
Gail Stein-Hogue

Gail, thanks for your lead as I have just spoken with Audrey Norlen Bharucha who created one of the squares, it's a 'Friendship Quilt'. Audrey currently lives in Orleans, a suburb of Ottawa. I think she was surprised & excited to learn why I was calling, she's now 82 & sounds quite lively. Audrey worked at the Beaconsfield Library and also retired from there! She mentioned to me that she's still in contact with a Lona (also known as Mike) Battley who lives in Beaufort.

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