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NEWSLETTER

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Needle and Thread: The Art of Quilting



Amanda Snyder (Curatorial Manager) with Maureen Clayton, Nell Kroker, Mary Fabris, and Laurie Turik, members of the Orchard Valley Quilters Guild.

The Okanagan Heritage Museum has a new exhibition that features the coziest form of artistic expression — quilts!

Centuries ago, women stitched scraps of fabric and discarded clothing together to keep their families warm at night. Today, quilters combine new textiles, tools and techniques to create quilts for decorative, and practical, purposes.

Members of the Orchard Valley Quilters Guild have contributed over half of the quilts on display. Some of the works combine traditional designs with modern methods, while other are the product of pure imagination. Cat hair, charms, beads, burnt fabric and even a wasp nest have been used as embellishments.

Quilts from the Kelowna Museums' collection provide historical context for the contemporary quilts. Amongst our favourites are the tradition yo-yo patchwork quilt, crazy quilt, and red and white embroidered quilt. Together, the quilts on display represent thousands of hours of planning, cutting and stitching.

Needle and Thread: The Art of Quilting runs from February 19, 2018 to May 25, 2018.

Special thanks to the Orchard Valley Quilters Guild for their contributions to the exhibition.

EVENTS & PROGRAMS

BEHIND THE SCENES: FASHION TOUR

March 17, 1-2PM

A behind the scenes tour with a fashion twist! Test your style knowledge and take a peek at our fabulous clothing, hat and shoe collections.

Okanagan Heritage Museum | \$10 per person | Free for members

SPRING BREAK FAMILY PROGRAMS

Bugs: Masters of Disguise

March 20 & 22, 10am-1pm

Okanagan Heritage Museum | By donation

Mystery at the Museum

March 27 & 29, 10am-1pm

Okanagan Heritage Museum | By donation

Easter Scavenger Hunt

March 31, 10am-5pm

Drop in and follow clues to find the missing egg!

Okanagan Heritage Museum | By donation

QUILTERS IN ACTION

March 24, 2-4pm

Ask the experts your quilting questions! Visit the Needle and Thread exhibition and watch a demonstration of hand quilting in the Hawaiian style.

Okanagan Heritage Museum | By donation

QUILTERS IN ACTION (CONT.)

April 28, 2-4pm

Drop by to see members of the Orchard Valley Quilters Guild create a baby quilt from start to finish.

Okanagan Heritage Museum | By donation

QUILT SHOW AND TELL

May 10, 2-4pm

Admire the work of local quilters as they share their inspiration and favourite quilting techniques.

Okanagan Heritage Museum | By donation

STORIES FROM KELOWNA'S CHINATOWN (ASIAN HERITAGE MONTH)

May 5 & 19, 10am-2pm

Immerse yourself in stories, engage in art, and use your senses as you interact with Kelowna's Chinatown of the past.

Okanagan Heritage Museum | Suggested \$10 family donation

BEHIND THE SCENES: INTERNATIONAL MUSEUMS DAY

May 18, 2pm-3:30pm

Come behind the scenes for International Museums Day!

Okanagan Heritage Museum | \$10 per person | Free for members

For more information

<https://www.kelownamuseums.ca/events/>

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VOLUNTEER FEATURE PROFILE



Helen and Doug Kaulbach have been volunteering with the Kelowna Museums Society for 14 years. Helen began in the archives dark room, organizing archival negatives that needed to be identified and made into contact prints. She introduced Doug to the museum where they both helped as events such as the Apple and Cherry Fairs and exhibit openings, with Doug serving wine and Helen responsible for photography. Helen and Doug are avid travelers, and when they are not exploring the world, they still help out with events and exhibit photography.

Thank you, Helen and Doug, for being a part of our team; we value your commitment to KMS.

Interested in joining our amazing team of volunteers? We are currently looking for welcome desk volunteers at all three museums! For more info: info@kelownamuseums.ca

KELOWNA PUBLIC ARCHIVES MAKEOVER



Have you seen an uglier door?

We love the Kelowna Public Archives, but it is overdue for a makeover! The storage facilities are top grade, but the décor inside the research room leaves much to be desired. Comfortable chairs for researchers, a new research desk and monitor, a touch of paint, and new door are some of the planned improvements.

Help us raise \$2,500 to brighten up this important repository for local history, utilized by hundreds of researchers every year. Use the attached form, donate online at kelownamuseums.ca, phone us, or drop by in person. Donors will be recognized on signage inside the Kelowna Public Archives.

FEATURED ARTEFACT: CIGARETTE SILKS

In the late 1800s, tobacco companies began producing collectable novelty items, including cards, ribbons and lighters. Some items were placed inside cigar and cigarette boxes, while others were given in exchange for coupons that came inside the boxes.

Silks came in collectable sets featuring a wide range of subject matter, from plants and animals to flags and famous people. The silk pictured here is from a series depicting animals and their national flags.

The silks were one of the earliest ways tobacco companies targeted women in their marketing. Women incorporated tobacco silks into sewing projects, including quilts.

Visit the Needle and Thread exhibition to view the museum's cigarette silks collection.



Crocodile with the 1881-1922 Egyptian flag. 2009.091.003

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