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historical Chinese patchwork garments, known as the baijia pao or "One Hundred Families Robe," and a recent practice of American adopters of Chinese children. By combining the Chinese tradition of baijia pao, with American commemorative quilt making, makers of the new "One Hundred Good Wishes Quilts" are creating a unique opportunity for a cross-cultural exchange.

People started making Chinese patchwork in the Liu Song of the Southern Dynasty. The first emperor of Liu Song Dynasty, named Liu Yu, was born in an underprivileged family. His mother gathered rags from the neighborhoods to make a patchwork. When he became the emperor, he perceived this kind of patchwork as the symbol for his impoverished childhood. All the infants in Liu's family had to use the patchwork so that his offspring could know how fortunate they were. Afterwards, his citizens followed this royal custom to make "Bai jia yi" for their babies.

For centuries the Chinese used quilted cloth to make padded winter clothing,

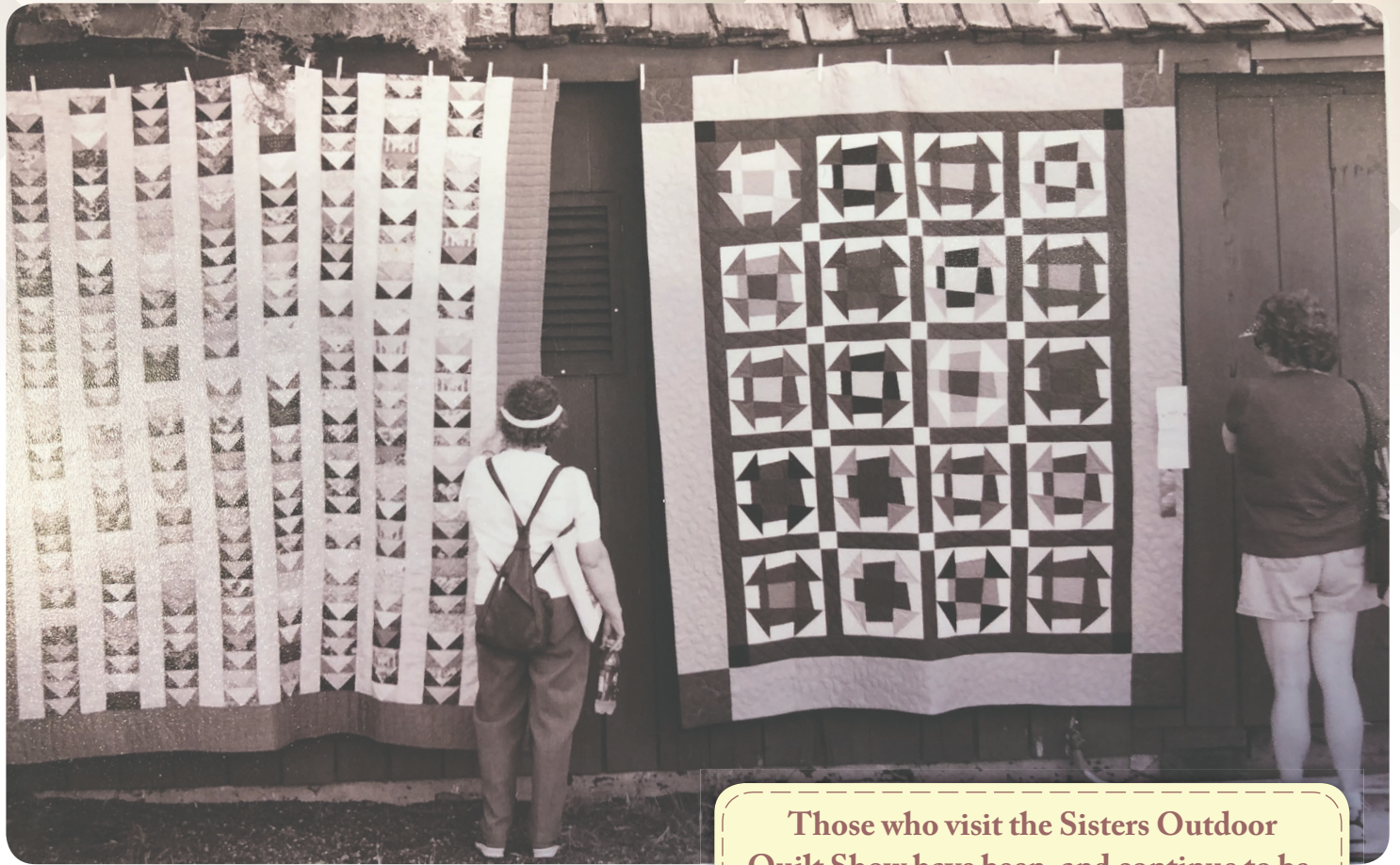


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wisely reasoning that two or three layers were warmer than one. Later, the Arabs were discovered wearing quilted garments beneath chain mail. Multiple layers of cloth sewn together provided additional protection and prevented chafing more effectively than cloth of a single layer. Some historians believe this quilted clothing, when brought back to Europe, provided the idea for the bed quilt used today.

The 2021 SOQS will

feature Egyptian tentmakers who do hand-applique that originated in the Bedouin tribes. According to SOQS Executive Director Dawn Boyd, the men applique the designs that are used

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for weddings and other celebrations.

"We had to put off their visit until next year, we want to celebrate world-quilting

stories," Boyd said.

"These men pass down their traditions and we are excited to share them with everyone."



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