

QUILT CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Events related to the NAMES Project.

SUNDAY, MAY 12

■ Opening Ceremony: 2 p.m.
Quilt Hours: 2-8 p.m.
EMU Ballroom

MONDAY, MAY 13

■ Quilt Hours:
10 a.m.-8 p.m.
EMU Ballroom

TUESDAY, MAY 14

■ Quilt Hours:
10 a.m.-6 p.m.
EMU Ballroom

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15

■ What's Stopping Us Now: A Look at Racism, HIV/AIDS Prevention and Activism Panel Discussion
Student Health Center
6-8 p.m.

SATURDAY, MAY 18

■ AIDS Action Celebration
Saturday Market

MONDAY, MAY 20

■ From Deep Within the Well: African-American Women with AIDS in Prison
Gerlinger Hall
6-8 p.m.

TUESDAY, MAY 21

■ Artists' AIDS Awareness Showcase Variety Show
3 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22

■ Hot and Healthy Safer Sex for Women
Ben Linder Room
6-8 p.m.

SUNDAY, JUNE 2

■ Lips Together, Teeth Apart
UO Theater Production
Robinson Theater
7 p.m.

Call 346-4456 for tickets

SUNDAY, MAY 19

■ HIV River Walk at Alton Baker Park

HANDS: Eight groups contribute to panel for quilt

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board have been victims of HIV and AIDS."

The ASUO Women's Center, Native American Student Union (NASU), Black Student Union, Jewish Student Union/Hillel, Panhellenic Council, Asian/Pacific American Student Union (APASU), LGBA and MEChA all created segments for the panel.

"I think it's really important for all student groups to show their solidarity with this because it affects us all, especially at the University," said Sarah Rosenberg, a member of the JSU and Hillel.

The Quilt represents the major attraction in a month devoted to AIDS education at the University, said Bonnie Kanter, a representative from the Women's Center.

"The whole purpose is to provide an opportunity for people to educate themselves," said Annie Dochnahl, a Student Health Center health educator. "It's hopeful-

ly a springboard for people to grieve and raise their awareness."

Lane County also created a quilt panel to represent AIDS deaths in the county. This panel depicts the Three Sisters Mountains in the background and two converging rivers. More than a hundred colorful leaves fill the foreground, each with a name written on it.

"There's a name on a leaf for each person who has died of AIDS in Lane County," said Helen Pettitt, an HIV prevention and education specialist with Lane County Public Health. "It is a work in progress."

The Quilt will add a new dimension to AIDS awareness, community members said. Too often, the number of AIDS deaths is too abstract for people to grasp, they said.

"It adds a face to the names and statistics," said Doug Moon, a member of the HIV Alliance. "It's pretty powerful."



Jolene Birch of Lane County looks at the Lane County panel of the AIDS Memorial Quilt. Birch lost her son, Robert Birch, to AIDS.

The exhibition of the Quilt will include information tables and volunteers to help with visitors' emotions, Pettitt said.

"These are our mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers," she said. "These could be my neighbors. These could be my friends."

HISTORY: Quilt honors those who have died because of AIDS

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1,025,073 AIDS cases in adults and children reported to the World Health Organization as of December 31, 1994. In the United States, AIDS is the leading cause of death among Americans ages 25-44.

The NAMES Project Foundation coordinates displays of portions of the Quilt worldwide and includes local chapters in many cities including Portland.

One hundred sixty panels of the quilt will be displayed in the EMU Ballroom from Sunday to Tuesday.

A "Quilt committee" was created by several faculty and community members last August to bring the Quilt to Eugene.

"It is one of the most satisfying projects I've worked on," said Annie Dochnahl, committee member and health educator at the Student Health Center. "Everyone wanted to be involved."

Portions of the Quilt will be displayed in more than 100 cities in addition to Eugene this year.

The Quilt will be displayed in its entirety this year for the first time since 1992 in Washington, D.C. over Columbus Day weekend in

October. It is estimated that by October the Quilt will include as many as 45,000 panels and cover more than 27 acres, or the size of 29 football fields.

"It may be the last time the Quilt is ever fully displayed because it has just gotten too big," said Bonnie Kanter, committee member and director of the ASUO Women's Center.

The first Quilt panel was created by long-time gay rights activist Cleve Jones in memory of Marvin Feldman, Jones' friend.

Jones conceived the idea for the Quilt as he was taping placards with names of those who have died from complications of AIDS onto the San Francisco Federal Building. As he stood on a ladder in a sea of candlelight, the many placards reminded him of a quilt.

About a year later, The NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt organization was founded.

As awareness of the Quilt grew, so did the panels, volunteers and funds, which had been raised during tours of the Quilt.

The Quilt was displayed for the first time in Washington, D.C., on the Capitol Mall during the National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights on October 11, 1987.

It covered a space larger than a football field and included 1,920 panels.

The Quilt returned to Washington, D.C. in October 1988 when 8,288 panels were displayed in front of the White House, and volunteers began the tradition of reading all the names represented by each Quilt panel.

In 1989 the Quilt was displayed once again in Washington, D.C.

Then in October 1992 the entire Quilt, consisting of panels from every U.S. state and 28 countries, returned to Washington, D.C. after traveling in sections to cities all over the United States.

Today the Quilt includes panels from every U.S. state and 39 countries, and there are 40 NAMES Project chapters in the United States and 33 independent Quilt initiatives around the world.

"I feel strongly about being with the people who are affected by the disease," Frank said. "Therefore, it is important to be involved as well as be with people who have a disease that will eventually kill them."

"The Quilt is a way to memorialize these people — once a person dies doesn't mean they don't exist anymore."

OPENING CEREMONY

Sunday, May 12, 2:00 p.m.

VISITING HOURS

May 12, 2:00-8:00 p.m.; May 13, 10:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.; and May 14, 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.



NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt Calendar of Events

Wednesday, May 15th, 1996

What's Stopping Us Now: A Look at Racism, HIV/AIDS Prevention and Activism, A Panel Discussion
Facilitated by Michelle Maher, Health Education Program, Student Health Center
6:00-8:00 p.m., Ben Linder Room, EMU

Monday, May 20th, 1996

From Deep Within the Well: African-American Women with AIDS in Prison
Dr. Nina Wright, Professor, Syracuse University
7:00-9:00 p.m., Gerlinger Lounge

Wednesday, May 22nd, 1996

Hot and Healthy Safer Sex for Women Educational Workshop
Little Apple Productions
6:00-8:00 p.m., Ben Linder Room, EMU

Sunday, June 2nd, 1996

Lips Together, Teeth Apart
UO Theater Production
Benefit show for xxx
7:00 p.m., Robinson Theater, UO Campus
Call Juniper at 346-4456 for tickets