

The Grant County Quilt Show returns

The 20th annual event will be May 20-21 at the fairgrounds

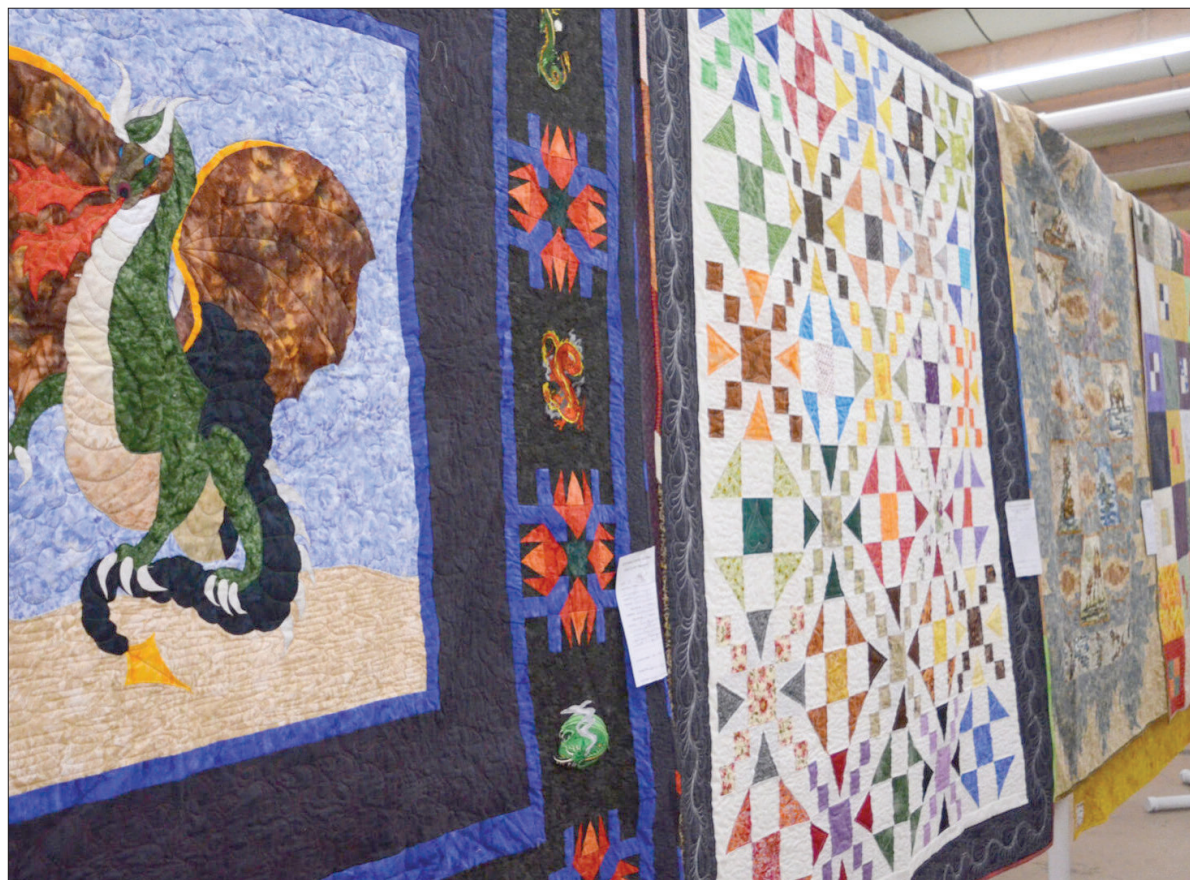
By Cheryl Hoefler
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JOHN DAY — Any quilter can tell you how satisfying it is when all the patchwork pieces fit into place.

The Grant County Piecemakers Guild is mighty satisfied to see all the pieces finally come together for the return of the group's annual quilt show.

"Spring into Quilting" will be held Friday and Saturday, May 20-21, in Trowbridge Pavilion at the Grant County Fairgrounds in John Day. This is the 20th year for the popular event.

Like most everything else, the Grant County Quilt Show was put on hold the past two years due to the pandemic.



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A variety of quilts will be on display at the Grant County Quilt Show May 20-21 at the Grant County Fairgrounds in John Day.

However, the delay also allowed local quilters plenty of time to keep their machines humming while stitching up new creations. What this means for folks planning to attend is the promising prospect of a pavilion that will be packed — wall to wall and floor to ceiling

— with a bounty of color and design.

"We've really missed the quilt show and are looking forward to being back with lots of quilts for everyone to see," said Karen Hinton, the guild's president.

Local master quilter and teacher Sharon Holliday Mitchell is this

year's featured quilter. Mitchell will teach a "Knot Today" workshop on Sunday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. The cost for the workshop is \$25 a person. Lunch will be available for an extra fee. Preregister for the workshop by Saturday afternoon at the show or at The Shiny Thimble quilt shop in Mt. Vernon.

A "People's Choice" award will be drawn both days, voted on by attendees. Winners will receive cash prizes and sewing goodies.

Packets for a special "quilt challenge" to be held at next year's event can be picked up at the quilt show or at The Shiny Thimble.

There will be vendors from throughout the area, door prizes, demonstrations, awards and more. Java Jungle will offer concessions both days.

Tickets will also be sold for a drawing for the group's fundraiser quilt. The winning name will be chosen at the guild's Quilt of Valor barbecue and quilt giveaway for veterans, which is coming up in August.

Hours for the Grant County Quilt Show are 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$7 a person, good for both days.

Those interested in displaying quilts can bring them to the pavilion between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. Thursday, May 19, or to The Shiny Thimble beforehand. The Grant County Fairgrounds is at 411 NW Bridge St.

For more information, call Hinton at 541-620-0120 or The Shiny Thimble 541-932-4111.

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