

## PRESS RELEASE 2009

The congregation of Zion Mennonite Church is hosting the 37th annual Quilting Workshop at the church three miles east of Hubbard. The three day workshop includes display of over 100 quilts, wall hangings and comforters ranging from the latest techniques and colors to century old heirlooms.

Workshop is Thursday, February 19, Friday, February 20, and Saturday, February 21 from 10am to 3pm each day. There is no admission charged but donations will be accepted for the El Torno Senior Center in El Torno, Bolivia. The Senior Center serves as a community/social center for the village since it was built in 2001. It is a place where the elderly of El Torno can come for fellowship, for teachings, occupational therapy, health care and rest.

A soup and bread lunch will be served each day from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm on a donation basis.

Each day the workshop volunteers are available to guide you through every step in the quilt making process from choosing fabric and a quilt pattern to cutting and piecing the quilt top, choosing your batting, securing the whole project into a quilting frame, and quilting and finishing the edges with binding. A "learner's quilt" is set up and available for anyone who would like to sit down and try their hand with an experienced quilter to assist and instruct them. Nearby is a comforter tying demonstration with extra needles and thread ready for visitors to join in.

On Thursday, Karen Stephen, proprietor of the "Speckled Hen Quilt Shop" in Wilsonville will be demonstrating how to do the double wedding ring pattern from 10:00am to 3:00pm.

LeAnne Kropf will join us Thursday and Friday from Sisters to show us how make postcards out of fabric.

Friday, Nancy Friesen of Canby and Beverly Blackton will share their methods of needle turn appliqué using cotton and wool fabrics. Also Friday, Sandi Ray of Canby will have her computer warmed up to show us how to create quilt designs the high tech way.

Linda Peck will share quilting tips with attendees on Saturday.

A large array of handicrafts including baskets, jewelry, toys, and wood carvings from the "Ten Thousand Villages" program of the Mennonite Central Committee will be available for purchase during the quilting workshop. All proceeds from these sales go directly to the crafters in undeveloped countries who create the works of art.

The address of Zion Mennonite Church is 6124 South Whiskey Hill Road, Hubbard, OR 97032. The major intersections near the church are marked with signs to direct visitors to the workshop, and the entire facility is handicap accessible. In the case of inclement weather on Wednesday February 18, the workshop would be postponed one week. For on-line information, please visit the church web-site at

[www.zion.or.us.mennonite.net](http://www.zion.or.us.mennonite.net). You may phone the church office at 503.651.2274, or Louise Gingerich at 503.651.2816