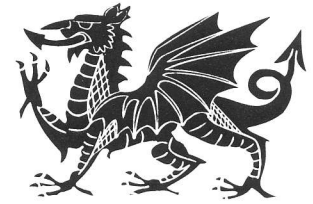


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March 16, 1999

Quilt By the Falls  
[redacted] West Mill Street  
Cannon Falls, MN 55009

Ladies and Gentlemen:

As I explained in our telephone conversation, Joanne Otte and I had a conversation about quilts last Saturday evening. She suggested that I contact you about the exhibit and seminars which will be held this coming Labor Day weekend.

Enclosed is a memo about the exhibit and seminars as well as a copy of the official registration flyer which includes all information about the Welsh event. I have marked in red the seminars which related to the Welsh quilts.

For persons who will only be attending the quilting seminars and/or the exhibit there is not a registration fee except for the \$7 charge for the seminars. If any persons want to attend other events over the weekend, then there is the \$15 registration fee.

If you have any questions, be sure to let me know. Helping to spread the word about this unique exhibit and these seminars will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Ellis J. Jones  
Executive Director

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Enclosures

c: Mary Morris Mergenthal

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## M E M O

TO: Whom It May Concern

FROM: Ellis J. Jones, Co-Chair, 1999 Minneapolis National Welsh Gymanfa Ganu

DATE: March 15, 1999

SUBJECT: Welsh Quilt Exhibit Scheduled

On Labor Day weekend, hundreds of persons from across North America and Wales will be attending the 1999 National Gymanfa Ganu (Welsh Hymn Festival) in downtown Minneapolis. A highlight of the four day event are a series of seminars dealing with a wide variety of Welsh topics.

Quilters may be interested in a special exhibit of quilts brought over from Wales specifically for this national hymn festival and in three seminars being presented relating to the quilt exhibit. The seminars will be held at Wesley Methodist Church in downtown Minneapolis as follows:

Friday, September 3, 9:00 - 10:00: FA107 "Welsh Quilts and Their Stories" by Jen Jones, Llanybydder, Wales. Examination of the beginning and end of Welsh quilts which were almost lost to Welsh culture but now are recognized as a significant part of Welsh history and tradition.

Friday, September 3, 10:30 - 11:30: "Welsh Spiral Designs for Quilting" by Martha Waterman, Cedar Falls, Iowa, and Sally Huffman, Carrollton, Texas. Persons attending this seminar will actually try their hand at the skill of quilting. Both seminar leaders are authors of publications dealing with Welsh quilting and have received international recognition for their writings and their innovative Welsh quilts.

Saturday, September 4, 10:00 - 11:00: SA107 - Repeat of FA107 described above.

The fee to attend one of the seminars is \$7 per person per seminar. Early registration is encouraged because of the anticipated substantial response to this exhibit and the seminars. Persons wishing to register should contact The WNGGA International Headquarters, GAC Box B15, 800 West College Avenue, St. Peter, MN 56082-1498. To avoid misunderstanding, each person should register separately on the Registration form.

March 12, 1999

Marge Stokke  
[REDACTED] No. 3rd  
River Falls, WI 54022

Dear Ms. Stokke:

Thank you for your letter inquiring about the quilt exhibit at the National Gymanfa Ganu. Yes, the exhibit is open to the public but there is a charge of \$7 for persons who want to attend one of the seminars dealing with that topic. As you probably noted, there is a seminar on Friday morning at 9:00 and it is repeated on Saturday at 10:00. We do ask that persons register ahead of time since there is a space limitation for the room where the seminars are going to be given.

With regard to a separate registration fee, if the person is only choosing one activity such as a seminar, there is no extra fee.

Are there other quilter groups besides yours who might also be interested? Where could we get the name and address for a contact person in each group?

Thanks again for your inquiry. We hope your group can work out arrangements to attend.

Sincerely,

Ellis J. Jones  
Executive Director

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P.S. Some extra copies of the registration form are enclosed for those who might want to register for one of the seminars.

3/9/1999

Hi - I've read all the info for  
the Gymanfa Gannu in Sept -  
I have a question -

Can a person go to the quilt exhibit  
at the Wesley Methodist Church with  
out registering for the weekend?  
I belong to the Hudson Heritage  
quilters. I plan on telling them  
about your quilt exhibit - Do  
you plan on letting the public  
come?

National Gymanfa  
of \$7 for persons  
As you probably  
ated on Saturday  
there is a space

Thanks -

Marge Stokke

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River Falls WI 54022

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up?

715 425 5141

arrangements to

Ellis J Jones  
Executive Director

Some extra copies of the registration form are each set for those who might  
want to register for one of the seminars.

To: ydryc [REDACTED] (Mary Morris Mergenthal)  
From: Ellis Jones <elli [REDACTED]>  
Subject: Re: PRIORITY  
Cc:  
Bcc:

Mary: Article looks good!  
Ellis J.

At 04:11 PM 3/14/99 -0600, you wrote:

>PLEASE READ IMMEDIATELY AND ADVISE MARY OF ANY NECESSARY CHANGES...ESP AS  
>REGARDS REGISTRATION. THIS ARTICLE WILL APPEAR IN DRYCH AND NINNAU APRIL  
>ISSUE (WHICH MEANS IT MUST GO OUT EXPRESS OR FED EX MONDAY TO N.J.) I  
>TALKED TO BOTH WOMEN TODAY...ALL WILL BE WELL I'M SURE. DIDN'T DISCUSS  
>FUNDING FOR MARTHA & DON'T THINK WE'LL NEED TO FUND SALLIE...BUT DAN AND I  
>CAN TALK ABOUT THAT LATER.

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>Second quilt seminar to be offered at National  
>Quilt lovers and quilters themselves are going to have a wonderful time at  
>the 1999 National Gymanfa Ganu. On Friday morning, Sept. 3, 9-10 a.m., they  
>can attend "Welsh Quilts and Their Stories" given by Jen Jones of  
>Llanybydder in southwest Wales. Jen will have antique quilts on display and  
>for sale and will examine the beginning and end of Welsh traditional  
>quilting (or the near end, since this medium, almost lost to Welsh culture,  
>is now recognized and is being revived).  
>But, of course, quilting is something one does, not just something to talk  
>about. So the 1999 National Gymanfa committee has arranged an additional  
>seminar, which will follow Jen's seminar. At 10:30-11:30 Friday morning,  
>quilters can actually try their hand at the skill. They will be guided by  
>Martha Waterman of Cedar Falls, Iowa. She is a fifth-generation needlewoman  
>who specializes in the traditions of her Welsh, Irish and English ancestry.  
>Her book, Traditional Knitted and Lace Shawls, was published by Dos  
>Tejedoras in 1993 and was re-issued by Interweave Press in 1998. She has  
>recently finished a book on Welsh quilting.  
>Her quilt "Corn and Cherries" was featured in the book Great American  
>Quilts 1992 (Oxmoor House). Her Welsh quilt article was included in  
>Threads' 1994 book, Great Quilting Techniques, which features her work on  
>the covers. She recently was informed that her traditional Welsh-designed  
>wholecloth quilt called "Hearts of Gold" will be shown in the August 1999  
>issue of Early American Homes-the craftsman's directory issue.  
>Martha will be assisted by another Welsh-American quilter, Sallie Huffman  
>of Carrollton, Texas, who has taken a course in Wales on traditional  
>quilting techniques. That course was taught by Clare Clarridge, who studied  
>under Katie Lewis, the last traditional Welsh quilter.  
>Both this seminar and Jen Jones' original seminar will be held at Wesley  
>Methodist Church (in the space to the far left of the photo), just two  
>blocks from the hotel. It's an easy walk for those who are able but free  
>shuttle buses will be provided for those who wish to use them.  
>This new seminar, "Welsh Spiral Designs for Quilting," is seminar number  
>FA203. Cost is \$7, as for all seminars. To register, write FA203 on the  
>10:30-11:30 line of the registration form. If you have already registered  
>for a different seminar at that time (FA201-204) and wish to change, please  
>write to indicate this. If you have already registered for the '99 Gymanfa  
>but did not register for anything during this time slot but now wish to  
>attend, simply send \$7 to the gymanfa headquarters and indicate that you  
>are already registered.  
>The address for all '99 National Gymanfa Ganu communications is WNGGA  
>International Headquarters, Gustavus Adolphus College Box B15, 800 W.  
>College Ave., St. Peter, MN 56082-1498.

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