

Quilt Blocks

The idea for Quilt blocks all originated from a phone call from the Science Centre to Miss McKercher.

It was accepted at the Provincial Spring Board meeting that we participate in this "First World Craft Exhibition" and the members send in quilt blocks. It was also suggested that those wishing to participate send a duplicate block to the Erland Lee Home. As a result, we have an interesting display down at the Home as well.

At the Science Centre, the Quilt Blocks were sewn together and hung from a support at the ceiling, the blocks were displayed from ceiling to floor.



However, the most interesting result of this project was that Mrs. Austin Rumble, Board Director subdivision 8, at one of her District Annuals announced that the Science Centre needed summer help and was anyone interested?

Jean Davidson, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Davidson, RR 1, Stouffville, a recent graduate of the University of Toronto, who will be teaching Geography at the Whitby High School, was free for the summer and this job was a real opportunity. Although living on a farm, she would not have been idle, if a summer job had not come along.



Jean Davidson

Jean is a 4-H Provincial Honours girl, who feels that 4-H taught her how to work with people and helped her to meet people more easily in the summer job. During her two months she met people from more than fifteen countries and all the provinces in Canada and from more States in the United States than she could remember.



Perhaps the most interesting guest was the Queen Mother who stopped to look, at the Quilt booth, while on her tour in Toronto. She spoke to Jean asking how she got the job, and remarking that the blocks were from the Women's Institute.

Mrs. Bruce Davidson, is the immediate past president of York East District and has been a 4-H leader for many years.

In Praise of Hands



The theme at the Craft Exhibition "In Praise of Hands" was carried out in a quilt. Anyone interested could trace their hand and this formed the pattern for a quilt. During the summer Jean demonstrated traditional quilting, Hills and Valleys and Bun quilting.

Educational T.V. did a story on the "In Praise of Hands" and used the Quilt blocks as a backdrop. Many questions were asked by the public of Miss Davidson — "I'd like to quilt but don't know how", "What does W.I. stand for?" and "Where did all the blocks come from?"

The summer is over and the project completed, we thank you for your response.

