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## Craft Fair approaching

This lovely quilt, made by the Underwood Women's Institute, is the first prize for a draw at the Craft and Hobby Fair on July 2. It is the 22nd year for the popular Craft and Hobby Fair. Last year's turnout was bigger than ever, said Donelda Faust, who is shown with the quilt. Other prizes in the draw include cushions and a planter.

## Craft fair draws 10,000

SOUTHAMPTON — The country and rural flavor continued to bring success at the 22nd annual Bruce Centre District Women's Institute Craft and Hobby Fair.

The show, held Thursday at the Southampton Coliseum saw about 10,000 people come and go, to buy or view the wares of 200 vendors.

Brenda MacDonald, one of the committee organizers, said the 10 women's institutes in the Bruce Centre District do not allow commercial vendors and there is a waiting list of almost 200 vendors who want to participate.

Last year about \$11,000 in proceeds from the show was given to area organizations.

MacDonald said all the help is by volunteers and the committee attempts to avoid duplication when they select the vendors.

Several vendors sold all their merchandise or crafts, while others commented that sales were down a bit over last year.

But all the vendors were unanimous in one aspect — it is the best attended and organized shows of its kind.



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George Edwards stands in front of his display of belts and other leather goods at the 22nd Annual Craft and Hobby Fair last Thursday.