

# Big quilting show this weekend

## Quilters take over Knox Church for charity

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The Kincardine Sunset Quilters Show will kick off Friday at Knox Presbyterian Church in Kincardine, with the theme "For the Birds."

This isn't your regular quilting show, if there is such a thing. The Kincardine Sunset Quilters only have a show once every four to six years, and rarely in a venue like Knox Church. The whole church area, including the balcony, main body and basement of the church will be used to show the work done by the ladies of the guild. More than 280 different items will be on display this weekend, reflecting the show's theme.

The Kincardine Sunset Quilters, who have been planning this show more than a year, is a group founded in 1994. It grew to 25 members in less than a year, and now boasts 84 members from Kincardine, Port Elgin, Hanover, Goderich and Teeswater. Each year, the guild does a quilt for charity, and in the past has donated to charitable organizations both locally, and internationally. Project Linus is a favourite of the group - in honour of Peanuts creator Charles Schultz, with the mission to provide love, a sense of security, warmth and comfort to children who are seriously ill, traumatized or otherwise in need through the gifts of new, homemade washable blankets and afghans created by volunteers.

"A lot of love goes into our Project Linus creations," said Jen Brown, publicity chair of the Kincardine Sunset Quilters Guild.

The guild has recently provided quilts for Japanese earthquake victims, Goderich tornado victims, the Women's House Serving Bruce and Grey, Big Brothers and Big Sisters, CAS, the Special Olympics, among others.

This weekend's show will run Friday and Saturday, with an admission fee of \$5.

a beautiful queen sized-quilt, a lovely wall hanging and sets of bowls

Saturday afternoon. There will also be members doing various sorts

of demos so people can see some of the work being done.



Kathleen Dunn, of the Kincardine Quilters Guild, displays a Project Linus quilt that was completed by the Guild.

"All the money will go into buying the material for the quilt tops, batting and backs," said Cathy Mallory. "The quilts are worked on by all members of the guild, each one doing a square and then put together by a group of ladies then hand or machine quilted."

Lunch will be served on Saturday downstairs at the Church, all food prepared and donated by guild members. There will be a draw for

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## Piping in the South Penetangore Bridge

Members of the Kincardine Scottish Pipe Band and BIA mascot Blinky marched about 100 people over the new South Penetangore Bridge after the ribbon cutting at the foot of the Park Street and St. Albert Street entrance to the Kincardine Trails System. Donors and supporters were thanked and were treated to drinks and snacks as part of the social get-together to mark the opening of the \$330,000 bridge project that was four years in the making. Above, Kincardine Scottish bagpiper Terry Reid led the band across the bridge to mark the dedication. See more story and photos on Page 2 and online at [www.kincardineneews.com](http://www.kincardineneews.com) (TROY PATTERSON/KINCARDINE NEWS)