

# 'Friendship quilt' making rounds for Acton Cancer Society branch

Volunteers with the Acton Branch of the Canadian Cancer Society are taking a few different steps with their fundraising this year.

The group will be holding a dance and silent auction at Acton Legion April 30, to raise more funds for their annual campaign.

One of the items which will be featured in the silent auction will be a 'Friendship Quilt' which was assembled by Acton Foodshare Chair Arlene Humphries.

Humphries became involved

in assembling the quilt following a discussion about the use of Friendship Quilts in the 1880s. They were used as both gifts when someone was leaving the area or as fundraising ventures when such things as a new roof were needed.

The idea started to build and the material was purchased over a period of time. Packages of material were made up and sent to friends. The request was to return a 10-inch block of any design the individual wanted. The blocks were returned from as far away as Valencia, Ven-

ezuela and Moscow, Russia. Others came from Toronto, St. Jacob's and Acton. Every block is different as are the people who made them and their reasons for sewing them. The quilt contains 25 blocks— some are traditional designs such as Ohio Star, Log Cabin and Sun Bonnet Sue. One block was made by an eight-year-old girl.

The quilt was made with a lot of love, tears, laughter and friendship.

The quilt will be on display around town during various events.



A 'Friendship Quilt' will be auctioned off at a silent auction to be held during Acton Branch of the Canadian Cancer Society dance, April 30 at Acton Legion. The quilt was assembled with patches from around th world. On hand to display the quilt are (from left) Acton Branch treasurer Shelley Cox, public relations chair Pat Kentner and president Cathy Gerrow.

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