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***Little Traverse Bay Historical Society***

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## AREA QUILT MAY TRAVEL STATEWIDE

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In anticipation of the country's bicentennial observance, a group of area women learned how to make a quilt by taking lessons through the Michigan State University Cooperative Extension Service.

They obviously learned their lessons well. Their finished product, an approximately 5 foot by 10 foot quilt, includes brightly-colored squares depicting the history of Petoskey and Emmet County.

For the last 10 years thousands of visitors to the Little Traverse Historical Society Museum have seen the quilt and noticed the detail work in the squares, pieces of material and embroidery showing logging, a sleigh, Indian chief's head, passenger pigeon and county and city emblems.

In coming months other Michigianians will learn about the Petoskey area when a picture of the quilt is published in a booklet as part of the state's continuing sesquicentennial celebration.

For the last two years a Michigan State University research team has attended a local quilt show held in conjunction with the Little Traverse Bay Historical Festival. The MSU folk arts division was researching the types and histories of Michigan quilts.

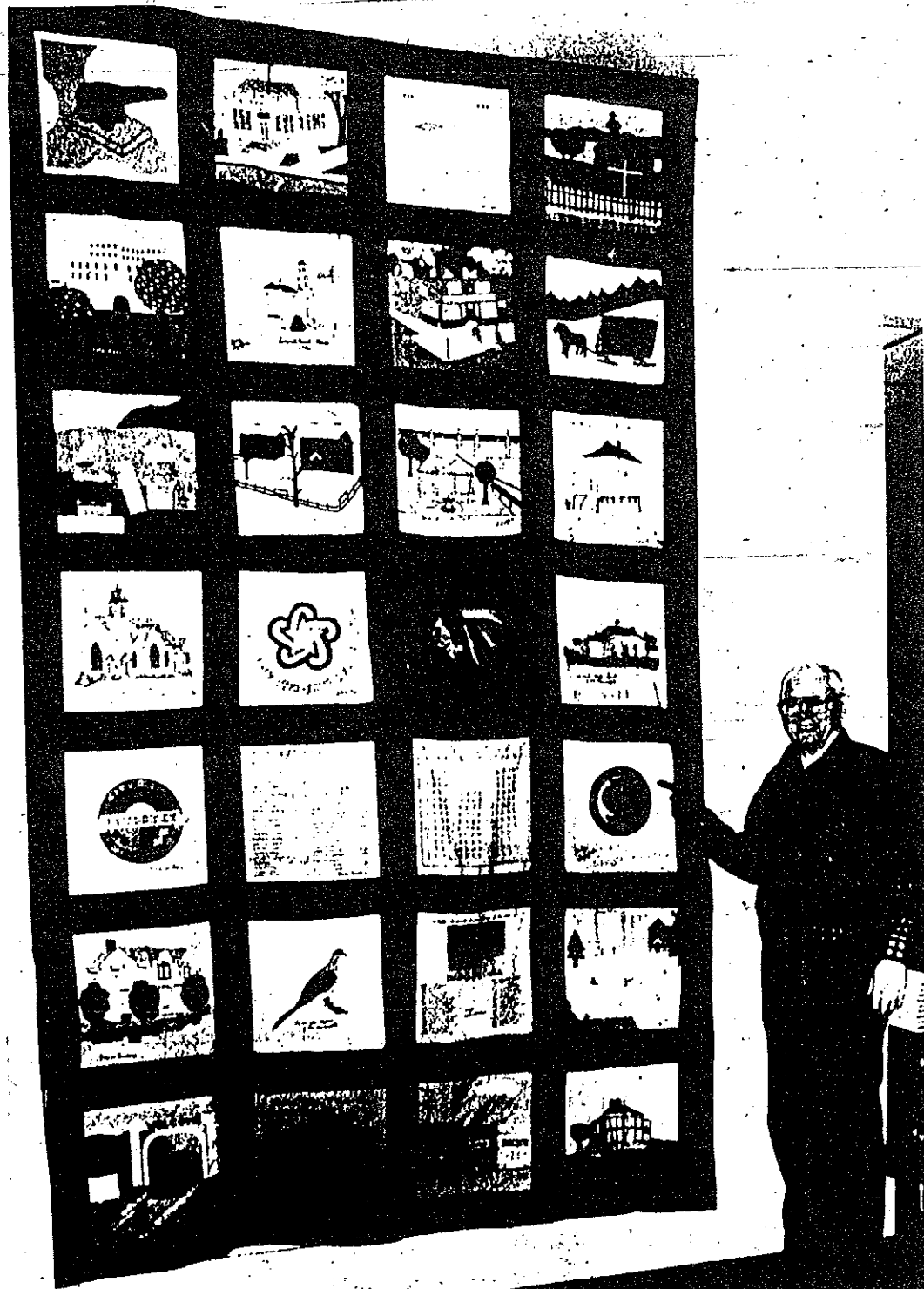
The Little Traverse Historical Society recently received a letter confirming the local quilt was one of 200 selected for the catalogue. In April the folk arts division will announce which quilts will be part of an exhibit.

Approximately half the quilts will become part of an exhibit at three museums in the Lansing area including Michigan State University museum, Kresge Art Center and the State of Michigan historical museum. From this group 29 quilts will be selected for a traveling show.

Jack Luebke, director of the Little Traverse Historical Society Museum said the quilt would be missed this summer if it's chosen for the exhibit, but he's glad it will receive state recognition.

Luebke said the squares of the quilt receiving the most scrutiny are the ones showing yearly population changes in the city and county and the one with the names of village presidents and city Mayors.

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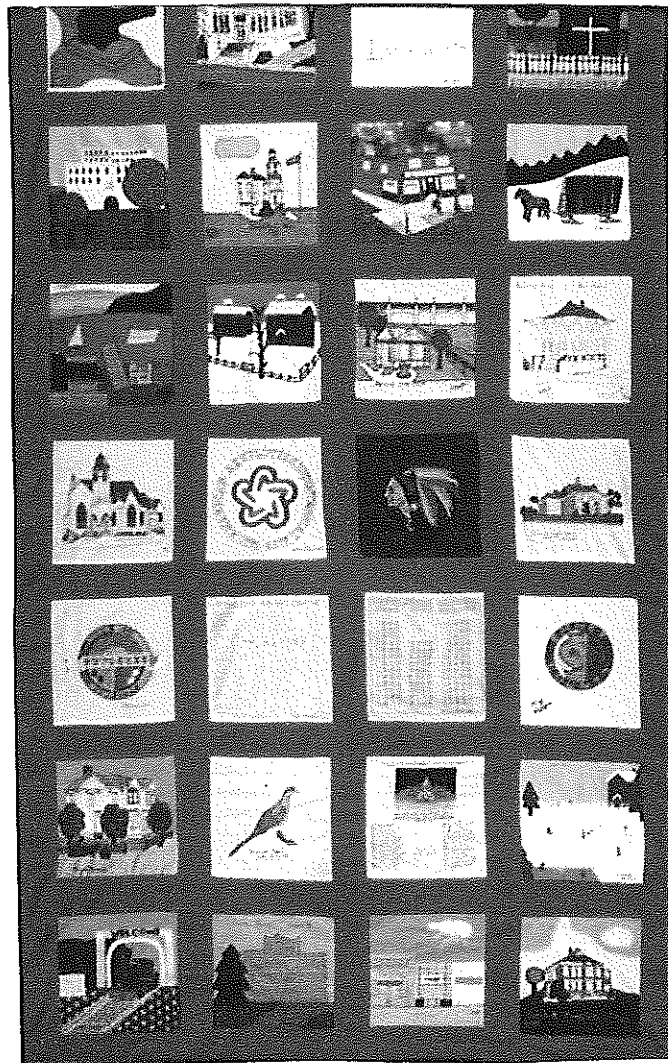
**JACK LUEBKE**, director of the Little Traverse Historical Society Museum, shows the bicentennial quilt that has been selected for a publication about Michigan quilts. The quilt

might also be included in a statewide traveling exhibit (NEWS photo by Shelley Deneau)

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**QUILTER GROUP** Little Traverse Bay Historical Society  
**DATE** Began 1976 Ending 1981 Date Donated June 20, 1985  
**LOCATION MADE** Petoskey, Michigan  
**PROJECT NAME** Michigan Quilt Project  
**CONTRIBUTOR** Michigan State University Museum  
**FABRIC** Velvet  
**CONSTRUCTION** Embroidery, Open/Dimensional Work  
**QUILTING TECHNIQUES** Tied or Tufted  
**PURPOSE OR FUNCTION** Commemorative for Bicentennial celebration  
**SIZE** 76 inch by 128 inch  
**COMMERORATIVE BLOCKS** 28

This Bicentennial quilt is presented to the Little Traverse Regional Historical Society in memory of Joan M. Treadwell 1929 - 1975. The Beauty she saw in life and the love she gave to people was reflected in her gift in the arts.



Extracted from "The Quilt Index"

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## PETOSKEY BUILDINGS AND SIDES AT 1900

### ROW 1, BLOCK 1

Cannon in Pennsylvania Park, between Mitchell Street and Lake Street in Petoskey's business section of town. The cannon remains in the same location. Block completed by Margaret {Brown} Loodeen.

### BLOCK 2

Old Petoskey Post Office that was located on the corner of Mitchell and Petoskey Streets. Today, the Old Kent Bank is located on the site, Block completed by Mrs. Woodrow {Betty} Munson.

### BLOCK 3

The Petrie House Hotel and Chapman's Barber shop in lower level was located on Mitchell Street in the area of what is now the "Mighty Fine Pizza" and where the "Fryman's Shoe Store" relocated in the Brown Motor Building. Block completed by Mrs. Jack {Carol Chapman} Hinkley, who is the daughter of Mr. Chapman that owned the Barber Shop.

### BLOCK 4

Old Indian Mission Church located on the road leading into the Magnus Park, overlooking Little Traverse Bay. The Church still stands in the same location and has been well maintained through the years. Block completed by Mrs. John {Arlene} Murphy.

### ROW 2, BLOCK 1

Arlington Hotel was located where the City tennis Courts are today overlooking Little Traverse Bay, at the intersection of the By-pass where Bay and Lewis Streets join. Block completed by Mrs. Harry {Carol} Leiber.

### BLOCK 2

Emmet County Court House that stood on the corner of Lake Street and Division Street. This was torn down and rebuilt a new City-County Building on the same site in 1965. Block completed by Mrs. Clarence {Daisy} Sigafus.

### BLOCK 3

Thompson's Grocery Store that stood on the corner of Emmet Street and Washington Street. Store was owned and operated by father and son. Vinton Thompson, the son, sold the building when he retired to Hills Accounting firm and they are located there today. Block completed by Mrs. Vinton {Charabelle} Thompson, wife of Vinton. Designed by Shirley Greenwell.

### BLOCK 4

Logging Sleigh, depicting an important era of the region and the State as well. Block completed by Mrs. Harry {Carol} Leiber.

### ROW 3, BLOCK 1

Depicting the old "Midway" that led to the Petoskey City Dock and the water front, where all the excursion boats docked. The Midway and the road changed when the By-pass was built in the early 1960s. Block completed by Mrs. William {Doris} Cox.

### BLOCK 2

The Old Porter Property and first school in the area. This was located on what is now US-131 South where the Inn on the Hill is today. Block completed by Mrs. Louis {Fran} Tousain. Shirley Greenwell helped design the block.

### BLOCK 3

Mineral Well Park with Mitchell Street Bridge in background. This is located on Lake Street and through the buildings, well and the fish pond have been restored, the area still remains the same today. Block completed by Mrs. Clarence {Daisy} Sigafus. Shirley Greenwell helped design the block.

### BLOCK 4

First "Speakers stand" in Bay View campgrounds. This building still stands midst the beautifully developed music and cultural settlement and is very much alive and enjoyed during the summer months. Block completed by Mrs. Iva {Rapp} Ward. Shirley Greenwell helped design this block.

### ROW 4, BLOCK 1

United Methodist Church which was located on the corner of Mitchell and Division until 1979. The "Virginia McCune Arts Center" is now located in the building. Block completed by Mrs. George {Mary} Hall. Shirley greenwell helped design this block.

### BLOCK 2

The Emblem for the "Bicentennial 1976." Block completed by Mrs. Julia MacDonell, Shirley Greenwell designed the block.

### BLOCK 3

Indian Chief's Head. This depicts the rich Indian heritage of our area. Block completed by Mr. Harry {Carol} Leiber

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## **BLOCK 4**

Second High School, 1890. This was torn down and a new High School built in 1913. The school still stands and is currently used at The Middle School. The present High School is located on East Mitchell Road. Block completed by Mrs. Julia McDonell.

## **ROW 5, BLOCK 1**

City of Petoskey Emblem. Block completed by Mrs. Glenn {Florence} Bain. Shirley Greenwell designed the block.

## **BLOCK 2**

Village of Presidents and City Mayors. Block completed by Mrs. Emil {Clara} Nasson. Shirley Greenwell designed the block.

## **BLOCK 3**

Population growth of the City of Petoskey and Emmet County. Block completed by Mrs. Ross {Laura} Treadwell, mother of Joan M. Treadwell, who this quilt was dedicated in memory. Block was designed by Shirley Greenwell.

## **BLOCK 4**

Emblem of Emmet County. Block completed by Mrs. Clarence {Daisy} Sigafus. Block designed by Shirley Greenwell.

## **ROW 6, BLOCK 1**

Old National Bank Building which was located on the corner of Mitchell Street and Howard Street. The new First National Bank building is located on the same site today. Block completed by Mrs. Edwina Burgess.

## **BLOCK 2**

The "Passenger Pigeon," a colorful bird that is now extinct. Block completed by Mrs. Julia MacDonell.

## **BLOCK 3**

The famous Ice Throne built by Stanley Kellogg in 1935 at the East Side Winter Sports Park in Petoskey. This is known to be the greatest piece of ice sculpture in the world. It consisted of over 1,300 tons of ice, 125 feet long, 100 feet deep and 75 feet high. The queens listed helped promote the winters sports program and the area until the early seventies. Shirley Greenwell designed the block. Block completed by Mrs. Ed {Catherine} Schwartzfisher.

## **BLOCK 4**

Winter Sports activities at the East side Park in Petoskey. Block completed by Mrs. Edith Fahl.

## **ROW 7, BLOCK 1**

The "Welcome Arch" was located on Lake Street near the Elk's Lodge by the Suburban Train Depot for a good many years. Block completed by Mrs. Harry {Carol} Leiber.

## **BLOCK 2**

Old "Petoskey Brewery" building, located on the Harbor Springs-Petoskey Road, which is M-119 today, the building is still standing and other businesses have used the building since the brewery closed. Clock completed by Mrs. Harry {Carol} Leiber.

## **BLOCK 3**

West Side of Howard Street off Mitchell Street, consisting of the Old first National Bank, Fryman's Shoe Store, and Brock-Eckel Drug Store., Kilwin's Candy Store and Russell's shoe Store are located there today. Block completed by Mrs. Jack {Carol Chapman} Hinkley.

## **BLOCK 4**

Old Lockwood General Hospital was located on the corner of Lockwood and Lindell Streets in 1892. Was torn down and homes built on site. Block completed by Mrs. C.D. {Cathy} Cole.