



It is often said,
“Politics makes for
strange bed fellows.”

By extension, it can be said of this exhibition, *Partisan Pieces: Quilts of Political and Patriotic Persuasion*, that politics makes for sometimes strange, and always wonderful and interesting bed covers.

Made of pieced and appliquéd stars, flags, eagles, campaign ribbons, and flowers, the quilts in this exhibition of nineteenth- and twentieth-century quilts illuminate the progress of U.S. political development from the perspective, and from the needles, of well informed and patriotic American women.

Partisan Pieces: Quilts of Political and Patriotic Persuasion, is but a sampling of the numerous ways women cast their vote, if not their ballot, in the years before suffrage. The exhibition breaks new ground in the search for women's experience as a new kind of government and a new nation were being created. Rather than reading between the lines you can read between the stitches to gain new insights into the minds and emotions of our founding mothers.

PARTISAN PIECES

Quilts of Political & Patriotic Persuasion

An exhibition created by the INTERNATIONAL QUILT STUDY CENTER & MUSEUM, University of Nebraska-Lincoln



Eagle, unknown maker--signed "Dollie", circa 1876
International Quilt Study Center, 1997.007.0696

Exhibition Specs

Number of works: 12 quilts with accompanying label text. Total running feet (w/ 24" between quilts): approx. 103

Exhibition period: 12 weeks

Participation costs: \$8,500 exhibition fee, plus insurance. Exhibition fee includes domestic shipping.

Display requirements: One 1"x 2" polyurethane-coated wood slat for hanging each quilt; on-site security; controlled temperature & humidity; appropriate lighting levels for textiles (50-60 lux). The IQSC reserves the right to have

a representative present during installation and de-installation.

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1 **Rose of Sharon variation**

Circa 1860 - 1880

Maker unknown

Possibly made in : United States ,
Pennsylvania

79 x 78 1997.007.0144



7 **Eagle**

Circa 1876

"Dollie"

Made in : United States

90.5 x 83 1997.007.0696



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"Centennial Commemorative Quilt Top"

Circa 1880

Maker unknown

Possibly made in : United States ,
Ohio

60 x 55.5 1997.007.0194



8 **Whig Rose**

Dated 1858

Slegt, P. M.

Made in : United States

92 x 94 1997.007.0730



3 **Nine Patch variation**

Circa 1935 - 1945

Maker unknown

Possibly made in : United States ,
Ohio , Holmes County

94 x 73 1997.007.0370



9 **Crazy**

Circa 1892

Maker unknown

Made in : United States

78 x 81 1997.007.0838



4 **Eight Pointed Star**

Dated 1843 - 1844

Multiple signatures

Made in : United States ,
New Jersey , Burlington County

106 x 91 1997.007.0412



10 **Original, Flag**

Circa 1985

RSVP Club

Made in : United States ,
Alabama , Boligee, Greene County

92.5 x 90 2000.004.0113



5 **Mexican Rose**

Circa 1850 - 1870

Maker unknown

Possibly made in : United States ,
Kansas

93.5 x 75 1997.007.0484



11 **One Patch**

Dated 1876

Maker unknown

Possibly made in : United States ,
Pennsylvania

85 x 82.5 2003.003.0381



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"Landon/Knox Quilt"

Circa 1936

Maker unknown

Possibly made in : United States ,
Kansas

83 x 67 1997.007.0488



12 **Eagle**

Circa 1880 - 1900

Maker unknown

Probably made in : United States ,
Pennsylvania

80.5 x 76 2004.016.0013

