WOMEN'S FORUM

Sharing Wisdom

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Dear Ladies,

QUILTING - IS IT ART OR IS IT CRAFT?

The dictionary defines it as : *The activity or craft of sewing and stitching through multiple layers of fabric and padding to create a design or a warm bed cover.*

However, AI tells us: *Quilting is widely recognized as an art form. While it started as a practical craft to make warm bedding, it has evolved into a respected branch of fiber and visual arts where makers use color, shape and texture to express ideas.*

How about we take the month of October to decide?

On October 8, at our luncheon we will seat a panel of quilters to discuss the matter. However, these are not random quilters. These ladies have a strong and present tie to our Dillon Library. If you've ever noticed *a beauty* of a quilt adorning a wall on the main floor, appropriately displayed behind glass, you'll see a quilt that was made to commemorate the Bicentennial of America (7/4/1976) 50 years ago. Our panelists were responsible for creating several of those squares and will join us to talk about the experience and further honor our American heritage by telling "the story behind the square".

(I'll share how this came about - one of our members, Barbara O'Connell commented to me that she had made one of the squares

in the quilt upstairs. "What??" *After I picked myself up off the floor,* we went upstairs and she showed me her lovely square. All the while, one thing was going through my mind: "We have to do a program about this". Gratefully, Barbara was willing and she contacted some of her fellow quilters, also willing, and now it's on the calendar!!)

Ladies, I maintain that we have treasures to learn about and celebrate right here, within our own WF community!

QUILTERS LUNCHEON: Thursday, October 8 at noon. Dillon Library, Bedminster NJ. Admission 30. *To register see below.

Following on that theme, on Thursday October 22 we'll travel to the *American Folk Art Museum* in New York City.

Museum Promo: "As the premier institution of its kind in the region, *The American Folk Art Museum* is NYC's only museum exclusively dedicated to celebrating self-taught artists. Its collection holds over 8,000 pieces spanning four centuries."

TRIP TO THE AMERICAN FOLK ART MUSEUM: Thursday, October 22. Bus leaves Dillon Library at 9am. Return pickup at the museum, 3pm. Admission 45. Museum entry is free of charge. *To register see below.

Upcoming dates for WF events: November 5 & 19.

The November newsletter will be posted on Monday 10/5 at 10am.

*To register for events - contact us at womensforumusa@gmail.com or call the Dillon Library at (908) 234-2325.

Enjoy the Fall!

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