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**History of quilting and current quilting resurgence**

**explored at Oct. 26 Iola Historical Society presentation**

    Iola, WI: Barb Kobs, a driving force behind the Norske Needlers - an Iola-area quilters group, brings her quilting expertise to the Iola Historical Society Monday, Oct. 26. The free program is open to the public and starts at 6:30 p.m., with the Society’s regular monthly meeting following afterwards, at approximately 7:15 p.m.  The presentation will be held at the Society’s “Machine Shed” at 222 Depot Street.

   Entitled “Quilting, Past and Present,” Kobs’ presentation weaves a colorful history of the art form. Quilts are made not only for added warmth on beds, but are also exquisite works of art. She will have a number of vintage and recently-made quilts on display for her presentation.

   Norske Needlers members have made quilts in the past for the Iola Historical Society to use as the main prize in the Society’s annual Taste of Norway & Lost Arts Fair raffle.

       For more information on the Iola Historical Society, go to [www.iolahistoricalsociety.org](http://www.iolahistoricalsociety.org/).

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