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The Piecemaker’s Quilt Guild of McCook will host its annual May Guest Day on Friday, May 6, 2011, beginning at 10:30 a.m. CT at Our Savior’s Lutheran Church, 312 Seminole Drive, McCook, Neb. The free event will feature quilts made by area quilters, a quilt bazaar, salad luncheon and a trunk show, “Quilts by Mom and Me,” presented by Beryl Knotwell of Wauneta and her daughter, Barb Hinrichs of Lexington.

Beryl is well-known by area quilters for her beautiful quilts. A lifelong lover of handwork, Beryl didn’t start quilting until she retired from her position as Wauneta City Clerk in 1991. Once she started quilting, she hasn’t stopped. When asked to describe her quilts, Beryl uses words like “powerful, out-of-the-ordinary, colorful.”

Her daughter, Barb, grew up loving handwork of all kinds, but had never quilted until about 10 years ago when she took a quilting class on making the Court House Steps quilt block at Central Community College. She’s never looked back developing her piecing skills to produce lovely, intricate pieced quilts.

Combining Beryl’s love of embroidery and applique and Barb’s piecing skills, the two women have combined forces in recent years to produce beautifully pieced quilts highlighted with applique and embroidery.

The trunk show will begin with Beryl’s first quilt to several which were made in the last few years, pieced quilts by Barb and end with quilts which are the combined talents of both women; hence “Quilts by Mom and Me.”

The event is open to all quilt lovers; those who already quilt or who think they might like to quilt.

Beryl’s quilts will also be featured at the Chase County Museum in Champion, Neb., on May 8 and 16.