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Quilter to present 'Dear Jane Journey'

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It's safe to say that Sharlene Snellman is passionate about quilting.

She began quilting 10 years ago and is self-taught, having already been involved in needlework over the years. Then, Snellman learned of an intricate quilt created by Jane A. Stickle in the mid-1800s and decided to give it a try. Four years later, Snellman finished what is known as the "Dear Jane" quilt and was a self-proclaimed "Janiac," a nickname given to the Stickle quilt devotees.

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Antioch resident Sharlene Snellman stands in front of one of her quilts. Snellman will present her "My Dear Jane Journey" to fellow quilters in September at the Quilt Expo in Madison, Wis. (Photo By Joe Shuman/For STNG)

"It's more than a hobby for me," Snellman, an Antioch resident, said of quilting. "I'm really passionate about it and it's really therapeutic. It gives me time to think."

In September, for the second time, Snellman will take her love of quilting -- and her "Dear Jane" experience -- to the Quilt Expo in Madison, Wis., where she will present "My Dear Jane Journey" to fellow quilters. She'll even be dressed in a period costume for the event.

"I'm basically just telling my story," she said, adding that she will tell the



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group about Stickle's original quilt and her technique. The biggest thing fellow quilters can take away from her experience, Snellman said, is "you break it down one piece at a time and it becomes more manageable and not overwhelming.

"When you first look at it, you think, "There's no way I could do it," she said.

The large quilt, as seen at www.dearjane.com, is composed of 4.5-inch blocks. Snellman said she worked on her quilt off-and-on for four years, starting and finishing other quilting projects in the meantime.

"I just had so much fun," said Snellman, noting that she generally prefers to make smaller quilts.

What drew her to the "Dear Jane" quilt as that it required the use of a variety of techniques.

"I could dabble in all of them," she said, adding that she liked the quilt's color palette.

Snellman said she decided to tell her story at the Quilt Expo last year after attending the Expo twice.

"It was at the third year (of the Expo) that I really started to make progress on this quilt," said Snellman. She inquired about being a presenter and submitted a proposal, which was subsequently accepted.

"It was such a nice experience and I had a great time doing it, so I decided to try again," she said.

Snellman has also attended quilting workshops and even had the opportunity to visit the Bennington Museum in Vermont, where Stickle's quilt is housed, along with Stickle's home.

The Quilt Expo is slated for Sept. 10-12 in Madison, Wis. For more information, visit wiquiltexpo.com.

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