



On July 21-29, 2022 the “*Gostiny Dvor*” in Moscow will host the exhibition and fair titled **"QUILT MASTERPIECES"/ШЕДЕВРЫ ЛОСКУТНОГО ШИТЬЯ**

This exhibition is the result of long-term cooperation of skilled quilters from 650 cities and villages of Russia. All of them have participated in annual "SOUL OF RUSSIA" Quilt festivals which started in the town of Suzdal town in 2015 and became the winner of the "Events of Russia" contest. In June of this year the festival was a great success in the city of Kolomna, Moscow region. Now the best items are on display in Moscow. More than two thousand unique quilts and patchwork pieces will be shown on the area of 9 thousand square meters in Gostiny Dvor few steps from Red Square.

Quilters not just create quilts, quilted blankets, clothes and fashion accessories, textile dolls or interior details, they bring into our everyday life the warmth of home as well as love and old customs and ways.

Quilts are made by people of different ages, nationalities and occupations united by the creativity of patchwork. Needlework attracts young people too. Shows of modern youth fashion contain elements of patchwork and demonstrate commitment to old traditions.

A variety of patchwork techniques will be on display.

Traditional quilting of stripes, squares and triangles which is known all over the world. The "lapochikha" technique by famous master Alevtina Shevaldina from Kostroma that creates the effect of Impressionist paintings. Irina Lavrova from the town of Verkhnyaya Pyshma, Sverdlovsk region, came up with her own technique for textile paintings and called it "freak-patch". Foreign masters are amazed by this Russian invention. The works of the "*Japanese Style*" project are made by Russians who gained their experience in Japan. Male masters will also demonstrate their patchwork. And the children's project "*I quilt all I want*" will show how young children realize their fantasies with pieces of fabrics.

The "*Russian style*" project in which 200 craftsmen participated will introduce you to Russian quilts. Another project named "Grandmothers" reminds of sources that inspired our masters and will make one think about the legacy of their ancestors. Folk art reflects the soul of nation, its creative potential, devotion to traditions and self-identity. Nowadays the old "grandmother's" quilt has turned into real art.

The exhibition will also feature patchwork by masters from Japan, the US, France, Korea, Turkey and Canada.

Many will get interested in the unique multi-layered applique technique of MOLAS of the Kuna Indians. They are made by hand with tiny stitches that can be viewed through a magnifying glass. The items were brought from an expedition to the San Blas Islands near the coast of Panama.

Textile dolls are of special interest. They make up a significant part of the exposition.

Welcome to the exhibition! Bring kids and teens, invite young people to feed on the energy of good emotions, patriotism and pride for country rich in talents.

At the Fairy you will have a chance to buy some breathtaking quilts, textile dolls, patchwork bags and lot of cute original accessories. They will become much more expensive with course of time. So it is a good investment too!

The exhibition is organized by *the Russian Quilters Association* jointly with "Shatyor" Trading House and "Exposervice" with the support of the Presidential Fund for Cultural Initiatives.

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