

Quilting News - February 2023

From the Editor

As we recognize Black History month in relation to quilting, we must remember the significance of **Harriet Powers** and her talents. She was once a slave in rural Georgia, but her intricate quilts make her a celebrated artist today. Her story quilts depict biblical tales and local histories. She was born in 1837 and created two best-known and well-preserved quilts of the Antebellum South (characterized by the use of slavery and the culture it fostered).



Biblical Quilt



Pictorial Quilt

Using the traditional African appliqué technique, European record keeping, and biblical reference traditions, Powers recorded on her quilt's local historical legend, Bible stories, and astronomical phenomena.

Also within this period, the traditional log cabin quilt pattern was developed to symbolize stops on the Underground Railroad. Typically these blocks use a red center square, meant to **symbolize the hearth of a home**, and are often associated with the pioneer movement of the 1800s.

In support of Black History month we challenge you to incorporate any variation of *log cabin* into your quilting project.

Whats New In Fabrics

Northcott - Whale Song Bag Panel

Whale Song from Northcott Fabrics was designed by Deborah Edwards and Melanie Samra featuring whale prints from Jody Bergsma.



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