

## CHAUTAUQUA SPIRIT

### THE MORDEN HERITAGE QUILT

# MORDEN – DESIGNATED CULTURAL CAPITAL OF CANADA 2008

#### ***Flag and Family Block***

The Canadian flag being our national flag and of course the strength of the family really holds the community together.

#### ***Leaf Blocks***

The leaf reminded me of the leaf in the dove's beak declaring safe to land and prosper.

#### ***Tiny Rose Blocks***

The rose flower is a representation of England.

#### ***Chautauqua Spirit Block***

Yvonne Peters – Visual Arts Events Manager of Morden designed this symbol for the Chautauqua Spirit project. The first Chautauqua was hosted in 1919. They were a traveling Troup of entertainers bringing readings, singing and drama.

#### ***Purple Thistle blocks***

The Thistle flower is a representation of Scotland.

#### ***Shamrock blocks***

The Shamrock flower is a representation of Ireland.

#### ***Arts and Culture Block***

*Mordenites have always enjoyed up to date entertainment facilities. The Victoria Hall in 1896, The Starland Theater in 1914 and the Kenmore in 1952. Plus the active Arts Council that coordinates varies art including watercolor and pottery. The Morden Festival of the Arts includes band, English and French speech arts, piano, strings, visual, and vocals,*

#### ***St Thomas Anglican Church Block***

*The church was moved from Nelson to Morden in 1886, when it was decided the railway would run through Morden, rather than Nelson.*

#### ***Agriculture and Agri Food Canada Research Center Block***

The department of Agriculture in 1915 established the Research Center, in part, to the horticultural work previously done by pioneer A. P. Stevenson. It was originally started as an experimental farm to conduct research and demonstrate to farmers better methods of growing their crops and the use of trees and shrubs to beautify and protect their land. The location was selected because of our long growing season, notably the greatest number of frost free days on the prairies.

#### ***Book and Rose Block***

Symbolizing keenness in learning and accumulating a wealth of knowledge whether in school or churches. The rose, of course, is home to Morden.

#### ***Elementary School Block***

This school was built of granite boulders from the hills west of Morden, Opened in 1894 and used as a high school. A modern one-story six room elementary school was built in 1928 and adjoining the high school became the Maple Leaf Elementary and was enlarged in 1980 and is still in use today as an early years facility

## **Tree Block**

Pioneers in 1874-76 were the early pioneers were taking up homesteads, they settled along the creeks to assure themselves of a prettified supply of water and wood. They therefore did not get the best land from an agriculture point of view, Later arrivals benefited by being force out to the open prairie on the rich fertile land, Some prospered so much from their farming operations that they actually became wealthy.

## **World Block**

The globe symbolizes that the people of Morden have really come from all over the world.  
"Living together is an art" W. Pickey

## **Canadian Fossil Discovery Center Block**

The CFDC currently houses the largest collection of marine vertebrates in Canada. This large fossil collection has led the museum to a continuous need for expansion and improvement, even at the present time. A committee was formed in 1969 and progressed from there to a well visited museum.

## **Colert Beach Block**

Colert Beach is on the north west side of the lake, is named after Dr. W Colert who donated the land and ensured the development of the beach area.

## **Train Block**

The first train arrived in Morden for the first time in 1885. The town of Morden really started because the plans of the CPR were definitely not connecting to Nelson and Mountain City, and so buildings started to move into Morden.

## **VIP Block**

*Dr. David Alexander Stewart – developed institutional health care in Manitoba. He was the leading figure in the battle against TB in Western Canada.*

*Charles Holland Locke – was a Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada.*

*Ramsay Cook – Professor at York University and author of The Regenerators Social Criticism in Late Victorian English Canada.*

*Henry Marshall – studied and developed the hardy Rose grown across North America today.*

*Loreena Mckennitt –Singer, harpist and pianist, now known world wide.*

## **Door Block**

Morden has one of the Manitoba's finest collections of late nineteenth and early twentieth century architecture. The variety of building types, notable architectural styles, interesting building materials all combine to make Morden a textbook example of the trends that defined how many Manitoba communities developed. The Town's exquisite Queen Anne style houses of wood and more impressively those of stone with their romantic towers, dainty details and lively colors – have become Morden's heritage trademark.  
"May this door reflect into our courageous past and make open our way into the imminent future."

## **Local interests Block**

The Manitoba Base ball Morden Hall of Fame was formed in 1997 and the MBHOF was incorporated and received charitable status.

Minnewasta Golf and Country Club, is world class, 18 hole facility that takes advantage of the scenic Pembina Escarpment to provide some of the most challenging golf topography in the province.

Morden International Triathlon Is Manitoba's oldest and attracts competitors and spectators from all over Canada and the US for this grueling swim, cycle and run competition which is a qualified for the Iron Man Canada Triathlon in Penticton BC

## **Rose Wreath Block**

Morden started in 1882  
"Remove not the ancient landmarks which thy fathers have set." Proverbs 22; 28

## **Creek Block**

A common creek scene with field stones bedding the sides and noting one of the many herons that come to visit the town in autumn.

## **Corn and Apple block**

The Morden Corn and Apple Festival originated as a community celebration for Canada's' 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday in 1967. The motto, "It's Fun and It's Free" attracts over 40,000 people during this activity.

### Names of quilters:

Lenore Laverty	Sue Nelson	Nancy Penner	Lee Patricia Scorer	Jo Anne Baker	Cindy Brook	Myra Danielson
Jean Motheral	Martha Epp	Elaine Sprung	Aneta Harder	Elsie Braun	Lorna Barclay	Evelyn Hoepfner
Katie Friesen	Marie Neufeld	Marty Penner	Margie Hildebrand	Allison Halstead	Irene Dyck	Jeanie Zacharias
Linda Sprung	Sally Unrau	Diane Craig	Anne Berg	Sue Martens	Kathryn Luger	Jennifer Hildebrand