



# Anniversary of Women Together





# WOMEN TOGETHER

## 25th Anniversary

### N.I. PEACE QUILTS PROJECT



#### Chairpersons of Women Together Over The Last 25 Years



Monica Patterson	1970 - 1973
Saidie Patterson	1973 - 1976
Leslie Haslett	1976 - 1978
Jean Carson	1978 - 1980
Irene Carson	1980 - 1982
Anne Shane	1982 - 1984
Pat Campbell	1984 - 1986
Violet McDowell	1986 - 1987
Maeve Mulholland	1987 - 1988
Alma Bateman	1988 - 1990
Maeve Mulholland	1990 - 1991
Beatrice Boyd	1991 - 1993
Irene Carson	1993 - 1995
Nuala Noblett	1995 - 1997
Margaret Dolan	1997 -
Life President	Ruth Agnew (Deceased) 1996
Life Vice President	Pat Campbell

## How The "Peace" Quilts Came About . . . .

In 1991, women from Idaho, USA visited Northern Ireland and told us about the peace quilts they had made. This gave us the idea of making our own peace quilt, inviting women from all walks of life to contribute panels.

We were delighted with the response which has brought together a very diverse cross section of individuals and groups, all of us women, our roles and occupations vary but our common desire for peace has bound us together. We have differing social, political and spiritual affiliations yet our strongest link is our overwhelming conviction that people like us have acted and sewn our panels into quilts - to show the world our desire for peace and togetherness.

Initially it was thought that only women from Northern Ireland would take part but the good news spread and panels arrived from England, Eire, USA and Australia.

At the end of the day we had enough panels to make not only our main Women Together quilt but also two smaller quilts which we have entitled "Peace" and "Reconciliation".

We in Women Together realise that this is one small effort. We also realise that small efforts accumulate. All of us who have tried quilting and peacemaking have experienced happiness and friendship. We are reaching out to hold peace and help in the process of healing and reconciliation.

#### **WE HAVE ACTED**

*and we hope we are helping to stitch this province  
together in peaceful pieces.*

#### **WE HAVE THOUGHTS AND HOPES**

*for our children and the future of our province.*

#### **WE HAVE A DREAM**

*a vision of Northern Ireland and the world at peace.*

*We have acted to give that vision life.*

I hope you get as much pleasure from viewing our quilts as we did in the making and we acknowledge and appreciate all the assistance and co-operation that was so generously given.

*Love and Peace*  
**Pat Campbell**  
Quilts Co-Ordinator



## "WOMEN TOGETHER"

### *Our Beginnings.....*

Women Together was founded in the autumn of 1970. The idea was inspired by Mrs. Ruth Agnew, a Protestant, who dreamt that women should unite and use their influence to promote peace and reconciliation within Northern Ireland. She was introduced to Monica Patterson an English Catholic, living in Belfast. The first public meeting was held and Women Together was born.

### *Our Aims.....*

1. To bring about a cessation of sectarian violence in Northern Ireland.
2. To give support to the victims of sectarianism.
3. To give women a "voice" in society.
4. To create a pluralistic society where there is a mutual understanding and respect for our diversities.

### *Togetherness.....*

We call on all women who support our aims to join with us and strengthen our voice against all forms of violence. In an effort to break down the conscious or unconscious barriers created within us through living in this troubled society. We organise seminars, courses, intercultural evenings and discussion groups, we liaise with other groups. We communicate regularly with our members and produce a quarterly newsletter entitled "Peacelines".

**For membership details please contact our Administrator and help us to create a happy and peaceful Northern Ireland for our next generation.**

## "WOMEN TOGETHER" QUILT

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| 1A. GREENISLAND WOMEN'S INSTITUTE<br>Mrs. Winnie McBride<br><b>Mountain Of Peace</b>   | 3D. FINAGHY WOMEN TOGETHER<br>Jean Davidson / Adele Anderson<br><b>Red Poppies for Remembrance and Dove of Peace</b>   |
| 1B. LAMBEG APOSTOLIC WORK<br>Mrs. Dymrna McKenna / Mrs G. Conlon<br><b>Grandma's Garden on Blue Background</b>   | 3E. MAUREEN MILLER<br>Mothers For Peace, Southport<br><b>Replica Of Daughter's Wedding Quilt</b>                       |
| 1C. PARENTS ALONE RESOURCE CENTRE<br>Carmel Clark / Lorraine Proctor<br><b>Parents Alone Logo With Dove - For Hope Of Lasting Peace Throughout Ireland</b> | 4A. TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD<br>Mrs. J. Irvine<br><b>Logo And Aims Of The Guild</b>  |
| 1D. U.S.A. PLOUGHSHARES<br>Rose Meyerhoff<br><b>They Shall Beat Their Swords Into Ploughshares</b>   | 4B. ST. COLUMBA, TEMPLEMORE, L'DERRY<br>Mother's Union - Mrs. A. M. Molton<br><b>God Grant Us Thy Peace</b>            |
| 1E. BANNAGH COMMUNITY CENTRE,<br>Fermanagh<br>Mrs. B. Britton<br><b>Fair Play, Love, Friendship</b>  | 4C. IRISH COUNTRYWOMEN'S ASSOCIATION<br>Donegal Federation<br>Maura Summerville / Peggy Ryder<br><b>Candle Of Hope</b> |
| 2A. MARY GOOD<br>Craigavon, Co. Armagh<br><b>Forty Shades Of Green</b>   | 4D. MARION SINTON<br>Mothers For Peace, Skipton<br><b>Peace Is a Patchwork of Love</b>                                 |
| 2B. WARRENPOINT WOMEN'S INSTITUTE<br>Mary Boyle<br><b>Peace In The Home</b>  | 4E. HOLYWOOD MOTHER'S UNION<br>Mrs. Mavis J. Galashair / Betty McLoughlin<br><b>Maypole In Hollywood Co. Down</b>      |
| 2C. NEWHILL COMMUNITY CENTRE,<br>Whiterock<br>Mrs. A. Mitchell / G. Regan<br><b>Galaxy Of Stars</b>  | 5A. FELLOWSHIP OF RECONCILIATION<br>N.I. Branch<br>A. Grant / A. Wilson<br><b>Logo Of Organisation</b>                 |
| 2D. ROYAL BRITISH LEGION<br>Castlederg Branch - Ruby Moore<br><b>Offering The Olive Branch For Peace</b>   | 5B. BELLEEK WOMEN'S GROUP<br>Mrs. Wilma Watson<br><b>Hands Clapsed In Friendship</b>                                   |
| 2E. N.I.P.G.<br>Anne Hannigan<br><b>Colours Unite In Log Cabin Design</b>  | 5C. HARMONY HILL CRAFT GROUP<br>Irene McWilliam & Group<br><b>Yearning For Peace</b>                                   |
| 3A. ST. COLUMBA'S TUESDAY CLUB,<br>St. Columba's Cathedral, Londonderry<br><b>A Floral Design (The Group Work)</b>   | 5D. MAUREEN CONCANNON<br>Arran Islands<br><b>Blessed Are The Peacemakers</b>   |
| 3B. MOTHERS FOR PEACE<br>The Grange Scene - Mrs. S. Tindsley<br><b>Forget Me Not</b>   | 5E. CHESTER CORRYMEELA GROUP<br>Hazel Lawson / Jennifer Kennerley<br><b>Seeds Of Hope / Seeds Of Conflict</b>          |
| 3C. ROSEMARY REID<br><b>Heartease Pansies</b>  | 6A. MAHON LADIES CLUB<br>Cork<br>Mrs. L. Noonan  |



- 6B. MRS. McCREA  
Greenisland  
**Home Sweet Home**
- 6C. INNISCOOLE DAY CENTRE  
Mrs. Mavis McClintock  
**"Love"**

- 6D. IRENE McWILLIAM  
**Child With Ball  
Peace for Our Innocents**
- 6E. RED COTTAGE CRAFTS  
Jean Neill  
**Love - Joy - Peace**



## THE "PEACE" QUILT

- 1A. LISBURN WOMEN TOGETHER  
Irene Bourton  
**Dancing Round The Shamrock**
- 1B. MOTHERS FOR PEACE  
Joyce Wilks  
**Make A Bridge Of Your Sharing**
- 1C. FRIENDSHIP FORCE OF GREATER BELFAST  
Mrs. Anne Lennox  
**A World of Friends is a World of Peace**
- 1D. NEWCASTLE BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL WOMEN  
Margaret Shaw  
**"The Mournes"**
- 2A. LORNA McLLRATH  
**"In Stitches"**
- 2B. SEAPATRICK MOTHER'S UNION  
Lorna McCurdy / Meta Dermott  
**Mother's Union Logo**
- 2C. WHITEHEAD W.E.A.  
Women's Craft Group  
Louise Boylan  
**Whitehead As It Used To Be**
- 2D. ST. COLUMBAS MOTHERS UNION,  
Knock  
Desney Featherslaugh  
**Dawn Of Peace**
- 3A. FOOTPRINTS WOMEN'S GROUP  
Poleglass, Dunmurry  
E. O'Reilly  
**Footprints**
- 3B. JANE LLOYD,  
Ballymena  
**Technicolour Peace**
- 3C. SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH OF PEACE,  
Scotland **PEACE**  
**Blue Cross On Blackwatch Tartan**
- 3D. PAX CHRISTI,  
Vera McGuinness, Enniskillen  
Fermanagh  
**Violence Ends Where Love Begins**
- 4A. ST. PATRICK'S APOSTOLIC WORK,  
Lisburn  
Mrs. R. E. Lennon / Mrs C. Dorrian  
**Hands Of Peace, Heart Of Love**
- 4B. LAGAN VALLEY PATCHWORK GUILD  
Mrs. Edith McCausland  
**Patchwork Of Peace**
- 4C. MARGARET GRAY,  
Lisburn  
**For Peace Comes Dropping Slow**
- 4D. WOMEN TOGETHER CENTRAL OFFICE  
Pat Campbell and Anne Carr  
Ann Wilson and Ruth Rodgers  
**Symbols Of Our Society**

## THE "RECONCILLATION" QUILT

- 1A. L. BOWER,  
Devon  
**Link Together**
- 1B. ENNISKILLEN WOMEN'S GROUP,  
Aisling Centre  
Edel Bannon / Mary McElholm  
**Harmony & Right Relationships**
- 1C. IRVINESTOWN WOMEN'S INSTITUTE  
Mrs. Gwen Pattison / Olive McKee  
**Star Of Hope**
- 1D. CARRICKMORE QUILTERS  
Mrs. P. O'Donnell  
Ulster American Folk Park, Omagh  
**18th Century Cathedral  
Window & Irish Chain.**
- 2A. NORTHERN IRELAND PATCHWORK GUILD  
Roberta McKeown  
**"That All Mankind May Learn To Love  
Each Other As Sister And Brother"**
- 2B. NORTHERN IRELAND PATCHWORK GUILD  
Jane McPherson  
**Love & Peace Embrace**
- 2C. ST. HELENA'S RESOURCE CENTRE (The Group)  
Dublin  
**'I Have A Dream'**
- 2D. QUAKER HOUSE  
Perth,  
Australia  
**Peace Hopes Of Women Together**  
(Worked By Aboriginal Women)
- 3A. ANTRIM ADULT TRAINING CENTRE  
Mrs. Sally McCready  
**'Hope'**
- 3B. WARRENPOINT WOMEN'S INSTITUTE  
Mary Boyle  
**Peace House**
- 3C. MARY BURROUGHS  
Glenavy, Co. Antrim  
**'Shalom'**
- 3D. MRS. NANCY LOGAN  
Greenisland  
**Peace On Earth**
- 4A. EAST BELFAST ACCESS GROUP FOR DISABLED  
Mrs. A. Lennox  
**Hearts & Flowers**
- 4B. MAIREAD BROWN,  
Knock  
**'Paco'**
- 4C. MRS. M. KERNAGHAN  
Greenisland  
**Patchwork Of Love**
- 4D. GREENISLAND WOMEN'S INSTITUTE  
Mrs. Belle Wilson  
**Dove & White Roses Of Peace**
- 5A. SIXTOWNS WOMEN'S GROUP,  
Draperstown  
Marline McSorley  
**River Of Tranquility In The Sperrin's**
- 5B. & C.
- 6B. & C. TWINBROOK MOTHER AND TODDLER GROUP  
Kathleen Feenan & R. Martin  
**Peace For Our Children**
- 5D. CRAIGAVON WOMEN TOGETHER  
June White  
**Peace In The Night**
- 6A. PEACE '93  
Susan McHugh  
Dublin  
**Children's Peace**
- 6B. PEACE PEOPLE  
Mollie Rice  
**Logo Of The Peace People**





# 1970 WOMEN TOGETHER FOR PEACE QUILT 1995

K E Y  T O  P A N E L S	1A	1B	1C	1D	1E
	2A	2B	2C	2D	2E
	3A	3B	3C	3D	3E
	4A	4B	4C	4D	4E
	5A	5B	5C	5D	5E
	6A	6B	6C	6D	6E

## "PEACE"

1A	1B	1C	1D
2A	2B	2C	2D
3A	3B	3C	3D
4A	4B	4C	4D

## "RECONCILIATION"

1A	1B	1C	1D
2A	2B	2C	2D
3A	3B	3C	3D
4A	4B	4C	4D
5A	5B & C 6B & C		5D
6A			6D



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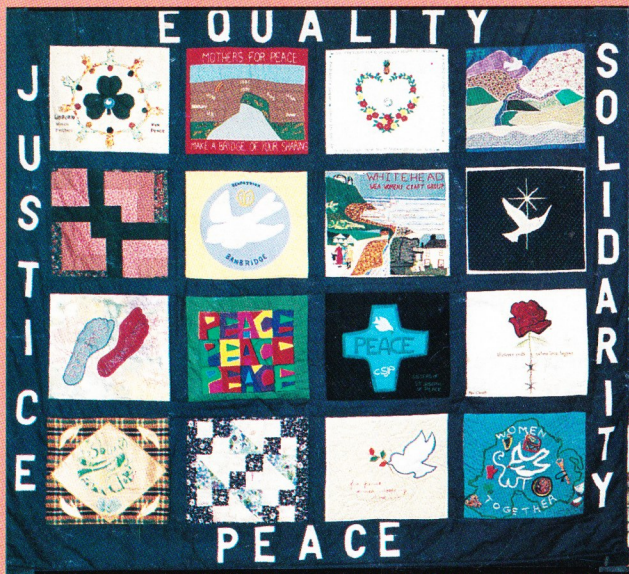


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