



Quilting and Other Crafts

The Los Adaes Foundation was formed in 1972 to coordinate special activities at Los Adaes near the Robeline Community. In order to represent the area, they decided to form a quilting club. The ladies continue to quilt and exhibit their work.

Although quilts were originally made to provide warmth, it has become more than a necessity. The Los Adaes Foundation uses a number of quilting patterns that have survived over the centuries. Some traditional designs include: the vine patch, odd fellow, light and dark, sun flower, log cabin, rocky road, star quilt, double wedding ring, drunkard's path, streak of lightning, and flower basket.

The Los Adaes Foundation quilters have received much recognition for their efforts. In 1982, they were featured in *Louisiana Life* magazine and in 1983 they were filmed for *Portrait of America*. The segment was aired in 1984, and in August of 1984 and the members were invited to Baton Rouge for the premiere of the show. They also exhibited two quilts in the Louisiana World's Fair. The same quilts are presently on exhibit in a museum in Baton Rouge. In 1985, the club made a quilt for former governor Jimmie Davis that was fashioned from his neckties. This quilt is on exhibit in the Jimmie Davis Museum in Hammond, Louisiana. The club continues to quilt for the pleasure and social value, and members are often in attendance at the Natchitoches Folk Festival each year.

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