

Final Press Release – 4th Prague Patchwork Meeting, 9.-11.4.2010

Location: ****Wellness Hotel STEP, Praha 9

Number of visitors: 3 800

Overall area: 3600 m²

Workshops: 165 participants

Sales area: 1200 m², (largest shops: Pfaff, Bernina, Strima, Ragos, Marlen)

Number of exhibitors/authors: 155 + 2 individual VIP quilters' collections

VIP guests: Jacqueline Heinz, Eszter Bornemisza, Ina Statescu, Susan Briscoe, Kimberly Einmo, Rita Berghuiz – all of them the top most European teachers, the exhibition was held under the patronage of the Mayor of Prague 9 Mr. Jarolím. Invited were also the representatives of foreign guilds as well as press and media that currently informed about the event (MF Dnes, ONA Dnes, KISS Radio, Český rozhlas, 2 hobby TV programmes).

The fourth international exhibition held in Prague and focusing on patchwork and textile techniques was once again prepared in close cooperation with Bohemia Patchwork Club and other ca 25 Czech Clubs. The exhibition presented more than 500 quilts from 13 European countries. Own central expositions have featured works by J. Heinz and E. Bornemisza (whose exhibition has been taken over by the Hungarian Culture Institute in Prague, the opening will be on 11th May). The Dutch-German project “Man and the Sea” and a collection of 97 “Textile Art” works in the A4 format have presented modern European art craft.

The Czech Republic has been represented by more than 100 artists featuring both individual and club quilts. A unique collection has been presented by Art Quilt Club with more than 30 works with the common theme “Scrapping Bonus” (used fabrics as well as other materials were dyed by rust). The collection will be exhibited this summer within the biggest European event of its art – Twisted Thread in Birmingham.

Traditionally, charity was awarded place. Together with the Dagmar and Václav Havel foundation VIZE 97 was accomplished help to the Home of St. Charles Boromejský in the Prague district Řepy.

More than 150 guests have come together at the social event, which was for the third time a river cruise.

4th PPM has proven an ongoing growth of exhibited quilts' level, mainly within the thematic competition WAYS and PATHWAYS, which has been joined by over 30 authors with 35 quilts. Part of the exhibition is also the competition “Searching the best Czech Quilt”, which is evaluated directly by the visitors. In 2011 the topic of the international challenge will be “NETWORKS”.

The next, already fifth, Prague Patchwork Meeting, will take place between 1st and 3rd April 2011, the information will be updated on the web pages www.praguepatchworkmeeting.com and www.b-p-k.cz. For details the PPM Newsletter in English can be subscribed at: ppmnewsletter@gmail.com.

Jana Štěrbová

Director of the Exhibition
Prague Patchwork Meeting

12.4.2010