

WARWICK-PAWTUXET VALLEY

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Mrs. Danese's Mosaic Quilt in Sunday Benefit Exhibit

A mosaic quilt, fashioned of 51,300 pieces by a former Woonsocket resident, is to be a feature on Sunday at a benefit exhibit in the J. Arthur Trudeau Memorial Center, Post Road, Woonsocket.

Mrs. John B. Danese of 92 Shand Ave., Warwick, the former Rita Charest, will show the usual patchwork quilt which she designed as well as created. She finished her work in six months, after working more than 650 hours.

Mrs. Danese, who left Woonsocket with her husband and son in 1963, is planning to enter her handiwork in the Eastern States Exposition in West Springfield, Mass., and in the Brockton and Long Island Fairs this year as well as at the Rocky Hill Fair in her home state.

After Mrs. Danese learned that a 28,152 piece quilt set a record in the late 1930's at the Eastern States Exposition, she was determined to break that record. Her product is 82 by 94 inches. She used an estimated 13,000 yards of thread and 30 yards of varying colors of material — orange, green, pink, blue, yellow and orchid. With white as the quilt's main color, 25,804 of the pieces are white.

Mrs. Danese's three sisters and a brother, Mrs. Adrien Paquin, Mrs. Leo Forand, Mrs. Armand Duclos and George Charest, live in Woonsocket. Mrs. George Papagno and Mrs. Lionel Hurteau of San Mateo, Calif., also sisters, are former residents of Greater Woonsocket.

In addition to Mrs. Danese's quilt, the benefit exhibit will feature braided rugs, hooked rugs, ceramics, crewel work and antiques. The event will be held from 1 to 8 p.m. A snack bar will be open during the event.

A food sale and a sale of plants and annuals will also benefit the center for the retarded. Door prizes and special prizes are planned.

Children, accompanied by parents, will be admitted free of charge.

'Woman of the Week'

Knit One, Purl Two . . .

Mayor Philip W. Noel yesterday officially proclaimed Mrs. John B. Danese of 92 Shand Ave., Warwick, as "Woman of the Week" in recognition of her accomplishments in floral and home handiwork.

Mrs. Danese was at the mayor's office to show him several of the objects she has woven, knitted, and sewed during the past year.

She also demonstrated the 25 blue and red ribbons she won at the recent Brockton Fair. She told the mayor she believed they were the first ribbons awarded to a Warwick resident in the 95-year history of the fair.

Remarking that his wife did much knitting, the mayor told Mrs. Danese, "Many ladies would be discouraged if they saw your work."

Included in the projects completed by Mrs. Danese during the past year was a seven-foot by eight-foot mosaic quilt with 51,300 pieces of cotton. The total number of pieces is believed to be a world record.

Mrs. Danese's handiwork will be displayed for the benefit of patients at the Health Haven nursing home in East Providence on July 27 from 1 to 5 p.m. The public is invited.

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Can Mrs. Rita Danese top her handi-work accomplishment of a 54,800-piece quilt? She's working on a number of new projects, but isn't talking. When inmates at the Adult Correctional Institution wanted to publish a newspaper for distribution to we "outsiders," Mrs. Vivian Buszta championed their cause against apathetic powers-that-be. With gentle arm twisting, she won! "The Challenge" inmate newspaper celebrated its first birthday last week. Steve Thornton who garnered much attention as an Orlando Twin diamond ace is coaching football at Warren High School. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Thibeault Jr. of neighboring West Warwick announced the birth of a son, Brian Robert, born September 21. Brian's mother is the former Judith Ann Jaworski of this city. Seen vacationing in the tiny islands of Bermuda were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sweet, 56 Bethel Street. In beautiful services at the Church of the Resurrection, Jay and Malcolm Willis, 45 Rodney Road, Scouts of Troop 95, Warwick, received coveted God and Country Awards. Mrs. T.J. Nelson and 29 girls of the Warwick Little Necks 4-H Club recently returned from a week's tour in the nation's capital. The local girls spent a thrilling day with Sen. John O. Pastore and his staff.

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