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Placemats for Meals on Wheels

Placemat Palooza, an annual tradition of collecting placemats for local Meals on Wheels and Benzie Senior Resources is underway at InterQuilten in Traverse City.

Quilters and sewists are needed for making simple placemats. A suggestion for size is anywhere from 11" x 14", to 14" x 16", but placemats of all sizes are welcomed. No batting or other filler is required, as it is preferred that the placemats be thin and flat. Walker bags are also needed.

Patterns, guidelines and a video for a quick construction method is available at www.interquilten.com.

Volunteers may use their own fabric or pick up donated fabric at InterQuilten. Those that have fabric to donate for placemats and walker bags may drop it off at InterQuilten.

Drivers for Meals on Wheels deliver the donated placemats with their clients' holiday meals in December. Many of the clients are shut-ins, and some do not have family. The drivers report that the simple gift of a hand-made placemat brings a great deal of joy to these people.

"The goal this year is to collect at least 600 placemats" says Tawni Young, owner at InterQuilten. "We will be collecting placemats and walker bags through December 2nd." Half of the placemats and walker bags collected will be donated to each of the two organizations mentioned.

Additional information regarding Placemat Palooza is available at www.interquilten.com, or by calling 231-922-6766. More information about the Meals on Wheels program through the Northwest Michigan Community Action Agency is available at <https://www.nmcaa.net/senior.asp> or by calling 231-947-3780. Information pertaining to Benzie Senior Resources is available at <https://benzieseniorresources.org/> or by calling 231-565-0600.

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