

Tunkhannock Business Named One of America's 10 Best

Endless Mountains Quiltworks, a retail quilt shop located in Tunkhannock, PA, has been chosen as one of America's top ten shops and will be featured in the spring 2007 issue of Quilt Sampler Magazine, published by Better Homes and Gardens.

Quilt Sampler has been profiling America's top quilt shops for the past 11 years. Shops submit a detailed application on their history, business promotions, community presence, teaching schedules and design philosophies. A panel of quilt experts led by Heidi Kaisand, executive editor of American Patchwork & Quilting Magazine, narrows down the applications to the ten best for each issue

Competition to be included in Quilt Sampler is keen. More than 3,000 quilt shops are eligible. Endless Mountains Quiltworks was professionally photographed and interviewed by a team of writers from Quilt Sampler. A multi-page profile of the shop will appear in the issue, which will be available on newsstands on May 15, 2007. Endless Mountains Quiltworks also designed an original quilt for the magazine, and the full size pattern for the quilt will be published in the issue of Quilt Sampler

The art of quilting has changed dramatically since the days of quilting bees in church basements, with quilting enjoying a major renaissance across the country. A Comprehensive Study of the Quilting Marketplace, released in 2003 by American Patchwork & Quilting Magazine, reports that the U.S. quilting market includes 11 million households. The total value of the U.S. quilting industry has grown to an annual expenditure of \$2.7 billion

The other nine shops featured in the spring Quilt Sampler include: A Touch of Amish in Barrington, IL; Bay Window Quilt Shop in Perham, MN; Carriage Country Quilts in Des Moines, WA; Common Threads Quilting in Waxahachie, TX; The Cotton Patch in Keizer, OR; The Cotton Shop in Muscatine, IA; Gone to Pieces in St. Catherines, Ontario, Canada; Good Wives Co. in Marion, OH; and Intown Quilters Inc. in Decatur, GA.