

44th Annual

2021 Mennonite Country Auction

Sale Brochure



Benefiting the worldwide relief efforts of Mennonite Central Committee (MCC)

mennonitecountryauction.org

October 2, 2021

Welcome to the Mennonite Country Auction. We are pleased to have you with us. In these times of need in so many places, we hope to serve in this small way to help meet the needs around the world. You are most welcome to Menno and to this celebration of service.

Schedule

October 2, 2021

8:00	Gates Open
10:00	Booth sales open
10:30	Liberty Quartet concert, auction area
12:00	Auction Starts
3:00 (approx)	Event ends

Information

COVID Guidelines

We are grateful for the opportunity to have the auction in person this year. We acknowledge that it is not without risk, as with any event. We want everyone to enjoy the event as safely as possible. We ask that you please:

- Wear a mask at all times on the grounds except when eating or drinking.
- Remain mindful of distancing when eating, replacing your mask when finished.
- Respect other's comfort level to the best degree possible.
- Enhanced Sanitation routines will be applied.

Please remember that this event is to allow communities to work together in service. Your kind cooperation is appreciated.

Sale Benefits

The Sale benefits Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) with all net proceeds being returned to the MCC program for their world wide relief and development program in the name of Christ. This sale is one of 40+ such sales dedicated to raising funds across the US and Canada.

This is the 44th Annual Mennonite Country Auction. Cumulatively, more than 2.5 million dollars have been passed to MCC. Recent results include:

2020 (Online)	\$97999
2019	\$115630
2018	\$125115

Biding and Payment

Bidders can pick up their number at the information table next to the church. Credit Cards are accepted for auction item purchases. All bids are considered final and binding. Payment is expected on completion of the auction. Bids can be considered tax deductible for the amount above the fair market value of the item.

Items will be offered in the order published in the item catalog of this document.

Items for the Sale

Items for the sale have been kindly donated by many supporting individuals who make this event possible. We appreciate the many contributions that make this event possible.

Absolutely Nothing

A long standing tradition of the auction is the occasional item of “absolutely nothing”. This is just what it sounds like: bidding on nothing. It is a fun way to pause occasionally and remember the purpose of the sale: to give generously out of what we ourselves have been given. You can “bid” online at mennonitecountryauction.org/nothing or scan the code here.



About MCC

Mennonite Central Committee (MCC), a worldwide ministry of Anabaptist churches, shares God's love and compassion for all in the name of Christ by responding to basic human needs and working for peace and justice. MCC envisions communities worldwide in right relationship with God, one another and creation.

MCC Areas of Focus

1. Caring for the lives and futures of uprooted and other vulnerable people.
2. Providing water, food and shelter first in times of hunger, disaster and conflict, then education and ways to earn income.
3. Working with churches and communities to prevent violence and promote peace and justice.
4. Investing in opportunities for young people to serve in Canada, the U.S. and around the world.
5. Serving with humility and in partnership to meet local needs with local solutions.

See mcc.org/learn for more information.

Assistance Available

We are happy to assist those with additional needs. Please inquire at the information desk and we will do the best we can to accommodate you.

Safety Considerations

Given the extraordinary drought this area is experiencing, we ask that extra care is given to parking and fire safety. Smoking is not permitted anywhere on the grounds.

MCA History

The Mennonite Country Auction is a long tradition of the Washington Mennonite Fellowship, a local grouping of Mennonite Churches in the State. The first Country Auction was held September 23, 1978, grossing \$7300. Cumulatively, more than 2.5 million dollars have been raised.



Since then, generations have supported and attended the sale, raising well in excess of a million dollars over the decades for the cause of relief in the name of Christ. A regular highlight of the year for the whole of the Washington Mennonite Family, this particular sale is unique in its success with the support of relatively few supporting congregations.

What is a Mennonite?

Mennonites occupy a particular place in society, often being connected with our theological cousins, the Amish. Churches under the Mennonite banner practice in a wide variety of ways, relating to society and technology in ways discerned by individual congregations and conferences. Washington Mennonite Fellowship is made up of churches who are members of Mennonite Church USA, a more culturally accepting expression of Mennonite identity. So you won't see the horses and buggies that you may see in other places.

Yet there are characteristics that connect all Mennonites and Anabaptist groups. Anabaptist is the broader term applied to Christian Faith groups that practice believers baptism, considering church membership a free, adult choice. This includes groups like the Mennonites, Brethren, Hutterites, Amish and others.

Anabaptists are often said to have three centers: that Jesus is the center of our faith; community is the center of our lives; reconciliation is the center of our work. We place a strong emphasis on the identity as Christ followers, often reading scripture with the lens of "how might Jesus read this". We value the communities that we belong to, leading some to eschew some technologies not because it is evil, but because it can stress community life. We also recognize that Christ's work was to reconcile the world to the creator God both spiritually and practically. We desire to follow after this example living lives of peace to the greatest degree possible. As with all lives of faith, we live this imperfectly, yet we desire to continue as faithfully as we may.

Quilt Knowledge Sampler

Here are some elements of quilting for reference and your knowledge.

- Comforters: Usually made from heavy weight materials and put together by knotting or large stitches.
- Quilt Storage: Quilts should not be stored in plastic, as the plastic does not allow them to breathe and they will yellow. Instead, use an old pillowcase or sheet.

- Speed Quilting: Speed quilting differs from regular quilting in that small “x” stitches are made at the corners of each piece. This method is most commonly used when a quilt top is entirely pieced, not where large pieces of fabric have been left blank for quilting a design.

Quilt Top Descriptions:

- Appliquéd: Pieces of fabric are sewn onto the background fabric to form a design.
- Embroidered: Quilt top’s design is formed by embroidery.
- Pieced Patchwork: Pieces of cut cloth are sewn together to form a design.
- Whole Cloth: The quilting forms the design on a piece of fabric, usually a solid color.
- Pre-Printed Fabric: A printed design on the background fabric, giving the appearance of being pieced or appliquéd. The printing is done at the fabric mill.
- Pre-Quilted Fabric: Machine quilted at the mill.

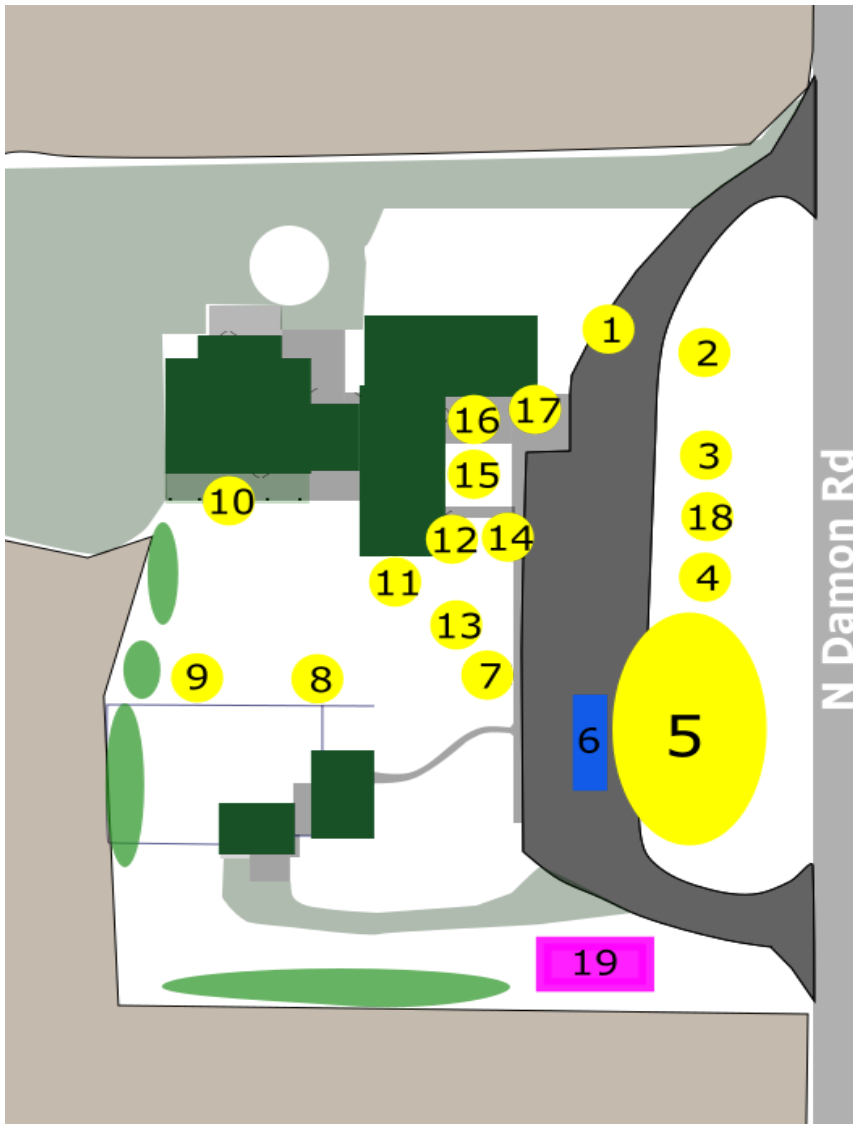
Quilt Size Information

Standard Suggested Mattress Size Quilt Sizes

Crib	27 x 51	40 x 60
Twin	39 x 75	75 x 107
Full	54 x 75	90 x 107
Queen	60 x 80	96 x 112
King	76 x 80	112 x 112

The suggested quilt sizes reflect an 18” drop on 3 sides and a 14” pillow tuck.

**2021 Mennonite Country Auction
Sale Grounds Map, Directory**



Map Key

- 1) Apple Cider
- 2) Apple Butter
- 3) Pie & Ice Cream
- 4) Quilt Shop
- 5) Auction Show tent
- 6) Auction Stage
- 7) Recycled Art
- 8) Craft Booth
- 9) Ten Thousand Villages
- 10) Food Vending
- 11) Country Store
- 12) Kids Corner
- 13) MCC Information
- 14) Coffee
- 15) Etcetera Booth
- 16) New Years Cookies
- 17) Information
- 18) Meat and Cheese
- 19) Restrooms

Please Note: Buildings will remain closed to general public