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Aurora

By Jane Kirkpatrick

Waterbrook Press, \$17.99, 168 pages

The Aurora Colony was a German Christian commune founded in the mid-1800s, in Oregon's Willamette Valley. The settlers worked together, following the ideal to "love one another" and to "make another's life better than one's own." Many of their handmade crafts have been preserved by the Aurora Colony Historical Society, and with them, Kirkpatrick has put together an excellent history of the colony, its founder and members, and many photos of the crafts produced by them. There are numerous black and white pictures of the colony's history, interspersed with color pictures from today. The highlights of the book are the many quilts, using bright colors and strong patterns, and well cared for over the generations. While not a traditional crafting book, this history of Aurora sheds light on a little known part of American Christian history and the handcrafting skills that went into keeping it successful.

