"Quilts of Valor," a 73-minute documentary starring national quilters Eleanor Burns, Alex Anderson, and Mark Lipinski and hosted by Marianne Fons, has just been made available to all public television stations nationwide by its producer, Iowa Public Television.

Three novice quilters were matched with three professionals to help them make quilts for the Quilts of Valor program, which has awarded 61,458 quilts to veterans since it began in 2003. The novices were Dan Gable, wrestling legend, Mary Lou Metzger of Lawrence Welk fame, and Heather Stephenson whose husband is a member of the Iowa National Guard.

To make sure this unique and compelling program is aired on your local station, contact your station’s programming department and ask it to schedule the show.

For help in finding your local station, go to http://www.pbs.org. Contact your station via email, phone message, or personal note to let them know you want to watch "Quilts of Valor."

To learn more about the Quilts of Valor program, click here.

(Photo: Fons & Porter’s Love of Quilting)