

Elda Schiesser has been using her talents to create various designs of scherenschnitte. As an avid promoter of the Swiss culture she wanted to bring this traditional Swiss folk art to her hometown of New Glarus, Wisconsin. Her self-taught techniques were gleaned from a book that was purchased during a 1985 trip to Switzerland.

Her traditional and modern designs have been used as illustrations in many publications and promotional materials. Domestic and international television productions have used her work in documentaries about the Swiss culture in New Glarus.


Many festivals, conventions, and exhibitions have featured her work. Some places are Middletown, OH (1988 & 1991), Kenosha, WI (1994), and Glarus, Switzerland (1995). Her work has been part of folk art exhibits at the Museum of American Folk Art in New York City, NY (1991), at the Swiss National Museum, Zurich, Switzerland (1994), at the Smithsonian



Institution's Festival of American Folklife in Washington, D.C. (1998), at the Wisconsin Folklife Festival in Madison, WI (1998), at the Swiss Days, Chicago, IL (1999), at the White House Christmas tree, Washington D.C. (2002), at the Questers International Conference, Middleton, WI (2004), and in the WI Historical Society's "Person to Person" exhibits (2005-07).

Since retiring, Linda has tackled her mother's folk art. Her teaching background has allowed Linda to educate others whenever possible.

One can learn and enjoy the Swiss cultural heritage through this creative style of scherenschnitte. To view additional cuttings see information below.



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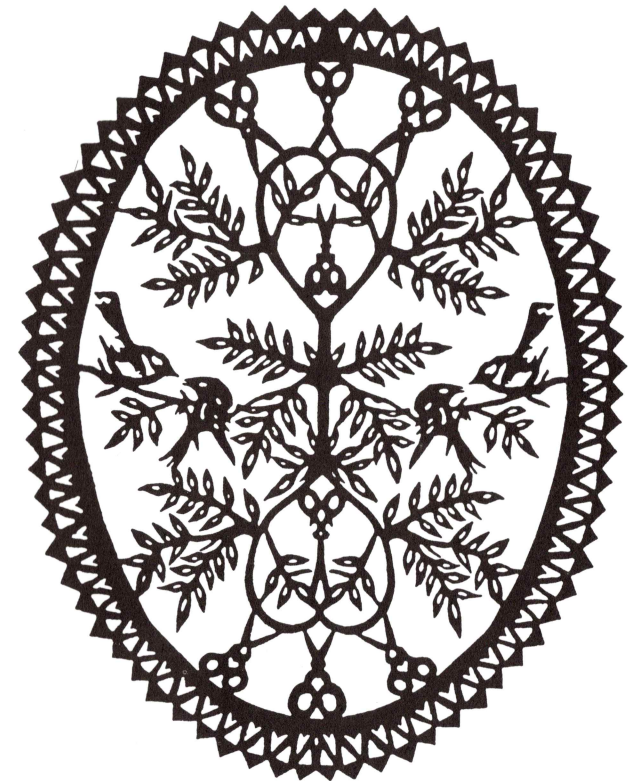
Scherenschnitte

(Scissor Paper Cuts)

by

The Schiessers

Swiss Folk Artists





Christmas
#41 3" x 5"



Roaring 20's
#121 6" x 7"



Swiss Farm
#134 6" x 11½"



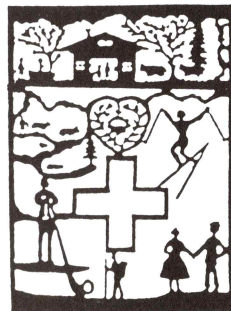
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#82 6" x 8"



Fiddler & Dancers
#55 4" x 5"



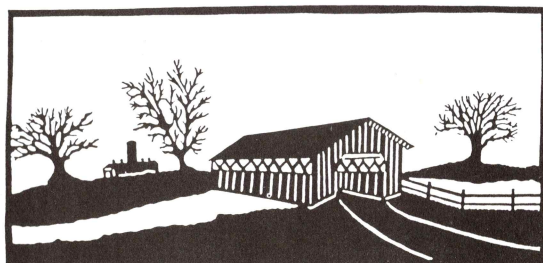
Victorian Life
#75 7" x 9"



Be Swiss
#124 7" x 9"

Scherenschnitte (pronounced – Sher-en-schneit-uh) has been around many years, but it began appearing in the U.S.A. via Swiss immigrants during the 1800's. The techniques of scherenschnitte involve the use of a small, tiny scissor to cut a design from a piece of paper. It must be done with a scissor because "scheren" means scissor and "schnitte" means to cut. Paper cutting is a folk art form created by people around the world.

The various designs illustrated here are a sampling of Elda's work. The dimensions are the actual size of the cutting.



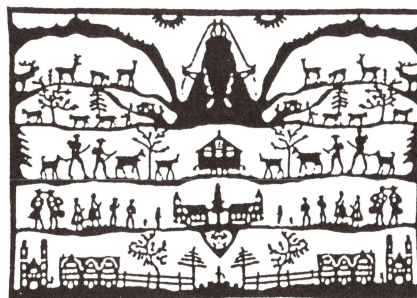
Covered Bridge
#69 8" x 16"



Swiss Church
#7 8" x 11"



Wedding Couple
#116 5" x 7"



Swiss Life
#60 11¾" x 16"



Heart of Flowers
#141 6" x 8"



Summertime
#93 5" x 7"



Heidi
#37 5" x 7"



Lamb on Farm
#133 6½" x 7"



Cardinals
#163 7" x 9¾"



Farm Pond
#96 6" x 8"