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Living Heritage Museum's National Heritage Quilt Show draws national interest

ATHENS, Tenn. (July 24, 2010)—The McMinn County Living Heritage Museum's National Heritage Quilt Show, which is scheduled to run Sept. 4 through Oct. 29, will feature submissions from across the country, including California, Idaho, Ohio, Tennessee, and Wisconsin.

“Having quilts that represent the work of textile artists from coast to coast is a rare and exciting privilege,” said Diane Hutsell, executive director. “This truly will be a national show.”

In addition to showcasing art and traditional quilts from across the country, the show will be judged by nationally certified quilt show judge Madeline Hawley from Athens, Ga.

“The majority of quilts entered in this year's show fall into the art category,” said Lisa Chastain, curator of exhibits. “It seems to be a popular movement across the country, as quilters seek to express themselves in unique and individual ways. But the traditional quilts that have been accepted into the show are also absolutely beautiful. Ms. Hawley will certainly have a challenging choice to make as she determines this year's winners!”

The National Heritage Quilt Show, *Once Upon a Time*, will be sponsored in part by a grant by the Tennessee Arts Commission.

Founded in 1982, the McMinn County Living Heritage Museum is a private, nonprofit organization housing more than 7,000 artifacts in 30 permanent exhibits that represent the culture and history of Southeast Tennessee from the 1700s to 1940s. The Museum also offers several changing exhibits as well as numerous special events and programs throughout the year and is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information or to make a donation, visit www.livingheritagemuseum.com.

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