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Museum participates in Appalachian Quilt Trail

ATHENS, Tenn. (August 26, 2010)—The McMinn County Living Heritage Museum’s iconic schoolhouse quilt has been replicated on an 8-foot-square block and installed above the museum’s front entrance as part of the Appalachian Quilt Trail program.

Marking points of interest in middle and east Tennessee and southwest Virginia, the Quilt Trail traces a scenic path through rural Appalachia.

“There is such natural beauty and cultural richness in our region,” said Diane Hutsell, executive director, “and the Appalachian Quilt Trail Program encourages visitors to explore our museum as well as all the other points of interest that Athens has to offer.”

Numerous Athens-area business and organizations currently participate in the program with two-foot-square blocks. However, the Living Heritage Museum is one of only a few displaying the larger, eight-foot-square blocks.

Hacker Sign Company secured the large, two-piece block high on the Museum’s façade, ensuring it would be easily visible to drivers on West Madison.

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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