

The Women of Gee's Bend at the Missouri History Museum in Forest Park

Thursday through Sunday **SEPTEMBER 10, 11, 12, 13**

Times listed below

Throughout the museum

FREE (fee for workshop listed below)

Closes September 13!

Mary Lee Bendolph, Gee's Bend Quilts, and Beyond



Louisiana P. Bendolph,
House-top Medallion, 2003



Mary Lee Bendolph,
Blocks and Strips, 2005



Mary Lee Bendolph,
Strips and Strings, 2005



Essie Bendolph Pettway,
Blocks and One Patch, 1973

Isolated from much of the surrounding countryside, the citizens of Gee's Bend, Alabama, developed a distinctive local culture — with the communal creation of strikingly innovative, abstract quilts taking center stage.

Crafted from simple strips of old clothes and blocks of recycled fabric, Gee's Bend quilts transcend their original utilitarian purpose to become astonishing works of contemporary art.

Mary Lee Bendolph, Gee's Bend Quilts, and Beyond highlights one of Gee's Bend's most original artists, Mary Lee Bendolph, her predecessors and progeny, and the artistic dialogue they share with artists beyond their quilting community.

Mary Lee Bendolph, Gee's Bend Quilts, and Beyond is co-organized by the Austin Museum of Art and Tinwood Alliance, Atlanta.

The exhibition is presented by Fidelity Investments.

The exhibition catalogue is sponsored by Anderson Rogers Foundation.

The Women of Gee's Bend

Welcome back the quilters of Gee's Bend, artist **Lonnie Holley** and curator **Matt Arnett** as they return to mark the close of *Mary Lee Bendolph, Gee's Bend Quilts, and Beyond*.

Thursday, Sept. 10

1 p.m. to 3 p.m. — Book Signing
6 p.m. to 9 p.m. — Gee's Bend Documentary

Friday, Sept. 11

1 p.m. to 3 p.m. — Book Signing
7 p.m. — Screening of the documentary *The Sandman's Garden*/
Q&A with Lonnie Holley

Saturday, Sept. 12

11 a.m. to 1 p.m. — Quilting Workshop
\$30 per person; \$25 for MHM members
Call (314) 361-9017 for reservations
Maximum of 30 participants
2 p.m. to 4 p.m. — Book Signing

Sunday, Sept. 13

2 p.m. to 3 p.m. — Singing/Q&A
3 p.m. to 4 p.m. — Book Signing
Enjoy a special Southern-style brunch in Meriwether's, the museum's restaurant. Brunch is served from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Make reservations by calling (314) 361-7313. Visit mohistory.org for pricing information.



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