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Missouri History Museum in Forest Park Presents
From a Common Cloth

Exhibition of Quilts From the Missouri History Museum
Collection Opens March 28, 2009

ST. LOUIS, March 6, 2009—"Double Irish Chain," Kentucky Rose" and "Log Cabin."

For quilters—and those who admire quilmakers' handiwork—these quilt pattern titles evoke a sense of community and history. On March 28, 2009, the **Missouri History Museum in Forest Park** will unveil a new, free exhibition, *From a Common Cloth: Quilts from the Missouri History Museum Collection*, featuring decorative and utilitarian quilts dating from the early 1800s to the late 1990s. Among the highlights in the 1,000-square-foot exhibition are "Decisions," a quilt made by East St. Louis artist Edna J. Patterson Petty; an award-winning quilt made by the Flower Valley Quilting Guild of Florissant; and several doll quilts from the early 20th century. One of the most unusual quilts on display is an 1882 "crazy" quilt with taxidermic chipmunks sewn onto the fabric!

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From elaborate to austere, quilts featured in *From a Common Cloth: Quilts from the Missouri History Museum Collection* are varied in pattern and provenance. Visitors will be amazed by the artistry, history, love and labor that went into the creation of the dozen quilts on display.

From a Common Cloth: Quilts from the Missouri History Museum Collection is a local prelude to the upcoming traveling exhibition *Mary Lee Bendolph, Gee's Bend Quilts and Beyond*, which opens April 12, 2009. Visit www.mohistory.org for more details.

Hours and General Information:

The **Missouri History Museum** is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Monday; Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. For general museum information, call (314) 746-4599 or visit our interactive Web site at www.mohistory.org.

Location and Travel Information:

The **Missouri History Museum** is located at Lindell and DeBaliviere in Forest Park, near the Forest Park-DeBaliviere MetroLink station. Visit the following Web sites for up-to-date travel information: www.metrostlouis.org; www.getaroundstl.com; or www.thenewi64.org.

The Missouri History Museum

The **Missouri History Museum** has been active in the St. Louis community since 1866. Founding members established the organization “for the purpose of saving from oblivion the early history of the city and state.” Today the museum operates the **Missouri History Museum in Forest Park** and the **Library and Research Center** at 225 South Skinker Boulevard near the Washington University campus.

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