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***Quilt (R)evolution: An Art Quilt Retrospective 1979-2014 Opens  
at The Dairy Barn Arts Center***

(Athens, Ohio) The Dairy Barn Arts Center is pleased to announce the opening of *Quilt (R)evolution: An Art Quilt Retrospective 1979-2014*, an exhibition that celebrates artists who have served as Quilt National Jurors from 1979 to the present. The opening will be held Friday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, 5:00-7:00 pm and a Gallery Walk featuring attending artists is scheduled for Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at 10 am. The public opening of the Exhibition will be at noon on Saturday the 20<sup>th</sup>.

Quilt (R)Evolution: Art Quilt Retrospective 1979-2014 will be the last exhibition of 2014 celebrating The Dairy Barn Arts Center's 35th Anniversary and the 100th Birthday of the barn. The inspiration for this exhibition was both to celebrate the evolution of the art quilt over the life span of *Quilt National* (which was first presented in 1979) and provide the viewer with a retrospective (and contemporary) view of the works of some of the medium's most prestigious art quilters who have served as *Quilt National* jurors for the 19 biennial *Quilt National* exhibitions.

The works will represent a selection from the artists' earliest works, a work representative of their work for the period that they were asked to serve as the *Quilt National* Juror, and a current work. There have been 34 individual artist jurors over the duration of the show and 28 jurors will be represented in the retrospective exhibition. Below is a list of the artists in the exhibition.

"We are pleased to open *Quilt (R)evolution*," said Jane Forrest Redfern, Executive Director of The Dairy Barn Arts Center. "These artists have demonstrated through the works the true evolution of this genre over the last 35 years. We are pleased that they have shared their works with us to celebrate this great institution's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday and these works of art with the public."

As stated in the *Quilt (R)evolution* Catalog commentary by Robert Shaw, 2003 Quilt National Juror and author of *The Art Quilt*, "Through the quilts of these twenty-eight artists, we can trace the overall arc of the art quilt movement of the late twentieth and early twenty-first century, from daring, fresh-faced experimental to hard won artists and aesthetic maturity. Each has developed a distinctive and personally expressive approach (or approaches) and hones her or his craft over countless hours of trial and error in the studio."

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The exhibition is open to the public Saturday, September 20, 2014 through Saturday, November 22, 2014. There is a 122 page catalog for the exhibition with photographs of each quilt, a biography and artist statement from each artist.

An online gallery of the Exhibition is available at:

<http://dairybarnartscenter.smugmug.com/Quilt-REvolution>

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