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Quilt National 2015

The Dairy Barn Arts Center announces the opening of Quilt National '15, the 19<sup>th</sup> biennial juried exhibition of innovative art quilts produced in Athens Ohio. The exhibition will be open to the public May 23<sup>th</sup> through September 7, 2015, visitors will see an eclectic collection of never before exhibited works from talented fiber artists representing 33 states and 8 foreign countries.

More than 6,000 visitors are expected from all over the world to see Quilt National '15. Although parts of the collection will travel to museums and galleries throughout the country until late 2017, the Dairy Barn Arts Center, located in Athens at 8000 Dairy Lane, is the only exhibition venue where visitors can view the complete collection. The exhibit hours are Tuesday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. There are also extended hours on Thursdays until 8 p.m. Admission costs include \$10 for general admission, \$8 for students and seniors, and free admission on sponsored Thursdays between 5pm and 8pm.

Visitors will also be able to take home unique mementos of Quilt National. The Dairy Barn Gallery Shop will feature items hand-crafted by the Quilt National exhibitors and by other regional artists.

Quilt National '15 is produced by the Dairy Barn Arts Center with sponsorship from the Ohio University Inn & Conference Center; Quilts Japan Magazine/Nihon Vogue Co., Ltd.; the Athens County Convention and Visitors Bureau; Friends of Fiber Art International; the James Foundation; Nelsonville Quilt Company; the Ohio Arts Council; Studio Art Quilt Associates; eQuilter.com; and many generous individuals.

“All of us who work in the realm of quilts want them to be accepted as art. This is the reason for the existence of Quilt National: to prove to the larger world out there that quilting is an art form on a level with traditional fine art mediums.” said Judy Schwender, one of the jurors for this year’s competition.

Visitors to the Dairy Barn’s web site ([www.dairybarn.org](http://www.dairybarn.org)) can link to Quilt National for a full list of participating artists and works in the exhibition. Digital imagery for publication, maps, a complete itinerary of the touring collections, and a listing of the artists are available on the web site or by contacting the Dairy Barn by postal mail at P.O. Box 747, Athens, Ohio, 45701; by phone at 740-592-4981; or by e-mail to [qn@dairybarn.org](mailto:qn@dairybarn.org).

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