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### **Internationally Known Quilter to Exhibit at Schweinfurth Art Center, Auburn, NY**

The Schweinfurth Memorial Art Center, Auburn, NY will be exhibiting the work of renowned artist and quilt maker Nancy Crow May 29 - Aug 15, 2010. Nancy Crow is one of the most influential artists of the past 30 years and this exhibit will include over 50 quilts in her largest solo exhibition to date. The exhibit features quilts from her three most recent series, *Constructions*, *Markings and Structures*, including her most recent work which has never been shown before. A special feature of the exhibit will be the display of selected pieces from as early as 1984, showing the progression of her work from using intricate templates and commercial fabrics to working improvisationally with her hand-dyed fabrics.

Nancy Crow is one of the preeminent contemporary quilt makers in the world. Through her groundbreaking, improvisational approach to quilting, she has had a major impact on the development of contemporary quilting, influencing a generation of quilters. Her mastery of shape, line and color results in one-of-a-kind compositions that are true works of art by any standard. Nancy Crow's work is in the collections of several major museums including the Renwick Gallery, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C., the Museum of Arts & Design, NYC, and the Museum of American Folk Art, NYC. Her work was featured on the covers of two of Maya Angelou's books published by Random House, *Complete Collected Poems of Maya Angelou* (1994) and *Wouldn't Take Nothing for My Journey Now* (1993). A solo exhibition of her work was featured at the opening of the International Quilt Study Center at the Univ. of Nebraska in 2008, and she has had recent solo exhibitions at the Butler Institute of American Art, Howland, OH, the Fuller Craft Museum, Brockton, MA, the Miller Gallery at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, PA and the Snyderman Gallery, Philadelphia, PA. She has several books including the award-winning *Nancy Crow*, 2006, Breckling Press, *Nancy Crow: Improvisational Quilts*, 1995, C&T Publishing, *Nancy Crow: Quilts and Influences*, 1990, American Quilters' Society.

Crow is a founder of the prestigious *Quilt National* exhibition in Athens, OH, *Quilt Surface Design Symposium*, Columbus, OH and the *Art Quilt Network*. She teaches workshops throughout the world and at her home in Athens, OH. She will be teaching at the Schweinfurth's summer conference *Quilting by the Lake*, in 2010.

The exhibit will kick off with an artist lecture (\$4), book signing and opening reception on Saturday, May 29, 2010. Admission: \$6 for adult. Art Center members and children under 12 are free. All events are free with \$6 admission unless otherwise noted. Sponsored by the Fred L. Emerson Foundation, The Stardust Foundation of Central New York, New York State Council on the Arts, Osborne Memorial Association, Coburn Design and The Jacob's Press.

The Schweinfurth Art Center is a multi-arts facility located at 205 Genesee St., Auburn, NY. Gallery Hours are Tuesday – Saturday, 10am – 5pm and Sunday, 1 – 5pm. For more information go to [www.nancycrowexhibit.com](http://www.nancycrowexhibit.com) or call (315)255-1553.