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SEWN TOGETHER: TWO CENTURIES OF ALABAMA QUILTS
A JOINT EXHIBITION OF THE ALABAMA ARCHIVES AND THE MONTGOMERY MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS
OPENING JANUARY 26, 2017, AT THE MONTGOMERY MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS

Montgomery, AL (1/11/17) – On Thursday, January 26, 2017, the Alabama Department of Archives and History (ADAH) and the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts (MMFA) will debut a joint exhibition, *Sewn Together: Two Centuries of Alabama Quilts*.

The exhibition features 14 nineteenth- and twentieth-century quilts from the ADAH’s collection paired with 14 contemporary quilts from the collection of the MMFA. Presented as “exemplary pairs,” the quilts illustrate comparisons of the varied techniques, themes, and traditional patterns seen in two centuries of Alabama quilt making. In addition, the ADAH and MMFA have collaborated on an interactive website (www.sewntogetheralabama.org) that will be available online beginning January 26. The site will offer an ongoing digital presence to the show for years to come.

“The exhibition forms a conceptual ‘bridge’ for students of history and those with a passion for art,” said Steve Murray, Director of the ADAH. “This collaboration with the MMFA has been a terrific opportunity to explore a rich combination of tradition, creativity, and story in our collections.”

On Thursday, January 26 beginning at 5:30 pm, the MMFA will host an opening reception and lecture. Jennifer Swope, Assistant Curator for the David and Roberta Logie Department of Textile and Fashion Arts at the Museum of Fine Arts Boston, will explore the work of Alabama and other American quilts in the context of their transformation from bed covers to art. For additional information, visit www.mmfa.org.

Sewn Together: Two Centuries of Alabama Quilts will be on display at the MMFA through April 16, 2017.

The Alabama Department of Archives and History is the state’s government records repository, special collections library and research facility, and is home to the Museum of Alabama, the state history museum. It is located in downtown Montgomery, directly across the street from the State Capitol. The Archives and Museum are open Monday through Saturday, 8:30 to 4:30. To learn more, visit www.archives.alabama.gov or call (334) 242-4364.

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