

UNL International Quilt Study Center & Museum Grand Opening, March 30

For the past couple of years, the Lincoln community has watched with anticipation the construction of the new International Quilt Study Center & Museum on the northwest corner of 33rd and Holdrege Streets. The grand opening will be Sunday, March 30, 1:30–4:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend the free event which will include tours and activities.

The mission of the International Quilt Study Center & Museum is to collect, preserve, study, exhibit and promote discovery of quilts and quilt-making traditions from many cultures, countries and time periods.

The International Quilt Study Center & Museum is a dynamic center of formal and informal learning and discovery for students, teachers, scholars, artists, quilters and others. The comprehensive, world-wide and accessible collection of quilts, related textiles and documents are a primary text for study, insight and inspiration. The Center's quilt collection totals more than 2,300 quilts.

Events and Activities

The International Quilt Study Center & Museum provides a wide selection of opportunities to explore the wonderful world of quilts. Exhibitions, family activities, classes, speakers, tours—something for everyone.

The inaugural exhibitions of the Center & Museum will be "Quilts in Common," running March 30–Aug. 17 and "Nancy Crow: Cloth, Culture, Context," running March 30–Aug. 31. Exhibition hours will be Tuesdays–Saturdays, 10 a.m.–4:30 p.m. and Sundays, 1:30–4:30 p.m. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for youth ages 5–18 and family savings of \$10 for two adults with children. Memberships will be available.

Nancy Crow will present a public lecture on March 30 at 4 p.m. in the auditorium of UNL's Hardin Center, located directly east across 33rd Street from the Museum.

You can view past and virtual exhibitions by going to the Web site www.quiltstudy.org and clicking on "Search the Collections" to browse through the online database. Numerous lectures, gallery talks and discussions are available online as podcasts or streaming video. The Web site also features a "Quilt of the Month"—users can subscribe to receive monthly e-mail reminders.

To find out about upcoming public programs, go to www.quiltstudy.org or call 472-6549. Guided group tours can be scheduled by calling 472-7030.

Why is the Quilt Study Center at UNL?

The International Quilt Study Center at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln was formed in 1997 as a result of the generous gift of nearly 950 quilts from the Ardis & Robert James Collection, along with a substantial pledge of financial support. Many factors influenced Robert and Ardis James' decision to donate their quilt collection to UNL. Bob James grew up in Ord and Ardis James grew up in Lincoln, so both had Nebraska ties. This connection to Nebraska made the University a natural consideration as a future home for their collection.

Another factor influencing the James' decision was the book, *Nebraska Quilts and Quiltmakers* (University of Nebraska Press, 1991). The book is the result of the Nebraska statewide quilt documentation project initiated by the well-organized quilt community in the state. The quilters contacted the UNL Department of Textiles, Clothing and Design for assistance. The book documents highlights of the project and has been a quilt best-seller.

When "Nebraska Quilts and Quiltmakers" won the Smithsonian's Frost Prize for Distinguished Scholarship in American Crafts in 1993, it caught the James' attention. The James' were impressed by Nebraska's strong grassroots support for what they envisioned in a Quilt Study Center. They knew that Nebraska had a strong quilting tradition and must have a group of dedicated quilters to conduct such a successful statewide documentation project.

Another important consideration was the Department of Textiles, Clothing & Design, academic home of the Center, had a strong textile history graduate program upon which to build.

Volunteer Opportunities

Caring for the International Quilt Study Center & Museum's collection of over 2,300 quilts is an ongoing process. Volunteers assist Center staff with a wide range of activities, including leading tours, vacuuming and refolding quilts, attaching sleeves on quilts for exhibition and helping with a myriad of administrative tasks. Volunteers are trained to assist in the many different responsibilities a world class quilt collection requires. If you would like to learn more about volunteer opportunities, e-mail akonin2@unl.edu or call 472-7030.



One of the gems of the IQSC collection is the Reconciliation Quilt by Lucinda Ward Honstain, dated 1867. It depicts scenes from the post Civil War North/South reconciliation.

4-H "Quilt Quest" Project

Nebraska 4-H recently worked in conjunction with the International Quilt Study Center and the UNL Department of Computer Science and Engineering to produce an exciting, new quilting curriculum. "Quilt Quest" combines technology, textile design, history, communication and more to create a fun, meaningful and interactive project for youth. To learn more about the 4-H Quilt Quest project, go to <http://4h.unl.edu/programs/curriculum/quilt.htm> or contact UNL Extension in Lancaster County at 441-7180. You can download a 4-H Quilt Block Design at <http://www.quiltquest.unl.edu>



A 4-H member discusses her quilt project with a judge at the Lancaster County Fair.

Can You Guess It?



Photo by Johnny N. Dell, Retired, Bugwood.org

Did you guess it? Find out at
<http://lancaster.unl.edu>

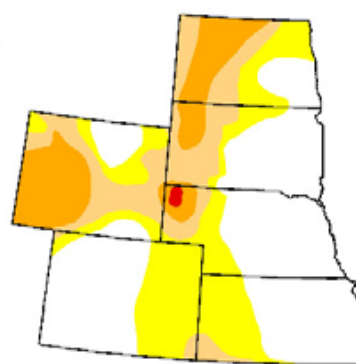
Did you guess it from the January NEBLINE?
 The answer was bones in the hoof of a horse.

U.S. Drought Monitor Map

As of Jan. 8, Lancaster County was not in drought conditions.

	Drought Conditions (Percent Area)					
	D0-D1	D1-D2	D2-D3	D3-D4	D4	D5
Current	46.7	53.3	29.0	13.2	0.3	0.0
Last Week (8/18/2007 map)	46.8	53.2	29.4	11.8	0.3	0.0
3 Months Ago (10/15/2007 map)	57.9	42.1	25.1	10.0	0.4	0.0
Start of Calendar Year (1/1/2008 map)	46.8	53.2	29.4	11.8	0.3	0.0
Start of Water Year (10/1/2007 map)	55.8	44.2	23.3	10.8	1.0	0.0
One Year Ago (1/1/2007 map)	26.5	73.5	55.5	34.6	16.9	0.0

Intensity:
 D0 Abnormally Dry
 D1 Drought - Moderate
 D2 Drought - Severe
 D3 Drought - Extreme
 D4 Drought - Exceptional



For the most recent map, visit <http://www.drought.unl.edu/dm>

Source: National Drought Mitigation Center, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Watch Chicks Hatch Online with EGG Cam!



<http://lancaster.unl.edu/4h/Embryology>

This spring, EGG Cam will feature chickens, ducks and peacocks hatching!