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**TWIN COUNTIES QUILTERS READY THEIR CREATIONS FOR
STORIES OF THE STITCH ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH**

Gay Pugh, of Grant, is one of the many fine regional artisans putting finishing touches on their beautiful quilts in time for submission to the September 10th "Stories of Stitch" Quilt Show and Fiber Arts Showcase at the Matthews Living History Farm Museum. Last year Pugh won in two categories, "Best Story" and "People's Choice", for her Jar Quilt. "This year I am submitting a Sampler Quilt which illustrates a total of 30 different patterns, and a Penny Rug, a very old pattern which at one time would have been made from odd pieces of wool. Mine is made from felt," explained Pugh.

The quilting categories to be judged will include Hand-Pieced & Hand-Quilted; Hand-Pieced & Machine-Quilted; Machine-Pieced & Quilted; Appliquéd (Hand or Machine); Other (art, clothing, pillows, etc.); Classic Quilts (created before 1940); Group Quilts; and Youth (for quilters under 20).

Now in its seventh year, the Quilt Show is expanding to include a wide range of fiber arts. The Twin Counties Arts Council, which is sponsoring the event, is inviting members of the community to participate through fiber demonstrations and the rental of booths for the sale of their own handcrafted fiber-work. The booth fee is \$10 and artisans are asked to provide their own tents, tables, and displays. Currently scheduled are demonstrations in spinning, weaving, and felting, as well as many other fiber related disciplines. In addition to the judged Quilt Show, demonstrations, and vendors, the day will include music, food & drink, and entertainment for the whole family. For information on entering your work in the

Quilt Show or reserving vendor space, please contact the Arts Council at 276-238-1217 or email info@artsculturalcouncil.org. The brochure and vendor registration forms can also be downloaded from the Arts Council's website:

www.artsculturalcouncil.org/stories-of-the-stitch. To get to the Matthews Farm Museum travel west on 58 from Galax, go left on to Meadow Creek Road, travel about and mile and turn right on to White Pine Road. The Museum is a short distance down at 126 White Pine Road. For additional information you may go to their website, www.matthewsfarmmuseum.org, or call the Arts Council office.

Hours for the Stories of the Stitch will be from 10:00am to 4:00pm and admission will be Free of Charge.

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