



### **Gee's Bend Quilters: The Story Behind the Art**

Hear from several of these endearing women as they share their personal stories and the history behind the art of their quilt making. The event is free and open to families but space is limited and available on a first come, first serve basis.

**3 p.m., Saturday, October 2**

Koger Center for the Arts, 1051 Greene St.

### **The Exhibit**

More than 20 original Gee's Bend quilts will be on display at the Main Library.

**September 30-November 14**

### **Hands On Art: Gee's Bend Quilting** for ages 2-5

Create a unique paper quilt in celebration of the Gee's Bend quilters.

**11 a.m., Friday, September 17**, Children's Room

### **Fabric of Your Lives: Gee's Bend and Beyond** for families \*

Join us for stories and quilting and share family history.

**11 a.m., Saturday, September 25**

**4 p.m., Monday through Friday,**

**September 27 through October 1**

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### **The Quilts of Gee's Bend Screening** for all ages

Join us for a special screening of the documentary

**The Quilts of Gee's Bend.** The Nickelodeon Theatre's Larry Hembree will join the Gee's Bend quilters as they educate and inspire us.

**7 p.m., Thursday, September 30**, Bostick Auditorium, Main

### **Quilting and Alice Walker's 'Everyday Use': Exploring the Connections between Literature and Quiltmaking** for adults\*

Explore and discuss Alice Walker's short story *Everyday Use* with Dr. Corrie Claiborne of Morehouse College.

**7 p.m., Tuesday, October 5**, Bostick Auditorium, Main

### **Quilting the Negro Spiritual** for adults

Wendell George Brown, local fiber artist and Assistant Professor of Art at Benedict College, will explore the relationship between quilts and Negro Spirituals, and how they both served as a source of protection for generations of enslaved and freed African Americans.

**6:30 p.m., Thursday, October 7**, Bostick Auditorium, Main

### **Improvisational Quilting Workshop** for adults \*

Learn about improvisational quilting, a technique used by the Gee's Bend quilters, and create some blocks to make a quilt in the Gee's Bend style. The workshop, appropriate for all skill levels, will be fun and relaxed.

**10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Saturday, October 9**

Bostick Auditorium, Main, 929-3457

### **From Sweetgrass to Housetop** for adults

Join Dr. Corrie Claiborne of Morehouse College for a comparative look at the cultures of the South Carolina lowcountry and Gee's Bend.

**7 p.m., Tuesday, October 12**, Bostick Auditorium, Main

### **Quilting Your Family History** for adults

Local fiber artist Wendell Brown will speak about his work using quilts as a narrative tool for family historians. Brown, whose quilt, *Crossroads: Now is the Time*, is part of the touring exhibit *Quilts for Obama: An Exhibit Celebrating the Inauguration of our 44th President*.

**6 p.m., Monday, October 25**

Walker Local History Room, Main

### **Stitches Tell Stories** for all ages

Show us your quilts and tell us your stories! Bring a favorite quilt – one you've made or one handed down through your family – and share the story behind it. If you don't have a quilt to bring, just come and enjoy the quilts and stories of others.

**3 p.m., Sunday, October 31**, Bostick Auditorium, Main

### **Ongoing Programs:**

#### **Gee's Bend Quilt Tour** for all ages

Enjoy a guided tour through the art and imagery of the Gee's Bend Quilts. Please join us for a Gee's Bend documentary screening following our tour.

**2 p.m., Monday, October 4**

**2:30 p.m., Sunday October 10**

**6:30 p.m., Monday, October 11**

**2 p.m., Monday, October 18**

**6:30 p.m., Monday, October 25**

Wachovia Gallery, Main

#### **The Quilts of Gee's Bend Screening** for all ages

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**The Quilts of Gee's Bend.** [28 min.]

**7 p.m., Monday, October 11**

**7 p.m., Monday, October 25**

Bostick Auditorium, Main

#### **The Quiltmakers of Gee's Bend** for all ages

Join us for a look into the extraordinary world of the quiltmakers of Gee's Bend, Alabama as seen in this PBS documentary. The film glances at the discovery of the quiltmakers by art historian Bill Arnett, and follows them on their journey to see their work exhibited in a major art museum. [60 min.]

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