

# News Release

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**SUBJECT:** *Hunterdon County Historical Society announces a Quilt Turning- a rare look at the Society's Quilt Collection!*

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## **Hunterdon County Historical Society to Hold Quilt Turning**

The Hunterdon County Historical Society announces a rare opportunity to view the Society's quilt collection on Saturday, May 21 @ 11:00 a.m. at the state-of-the art, climate-controlled archive building located at 67 River Road in Flemington. Dana Balsamo, certified quilt appraiser and quilt historian will pull quilts from the collection to explore the fabrics, designs and history of the textiles and their relationship to the County's history.

The Society's quilt collection dates from 1830 to the 20<sup>th</sup> century with most dating to the mid-1800s. Except for a few instances, all the quilts were made in Hunterdon County and given to the Society from County residents. The collection includes signature quilts, fundraising quilts, and multi-generational quilts with remarkably few repeats in pattern designs. A sampling includes patterns such as Irish Chain, Log Cabin, Dresden Plate and Mathematical Star-- to name a few.

After viewing the quilts at the archive building, participants are invited back to the Society's headquarters at 114 Main Street in Flemington to view the Doric House Museum and quilts in the historic house museum collection. Guests may dine on their own in Flemington or bring a bag lunch and eat at the Society prior to touring the museum between 1:00 and 2:00 p.m.

Registration is required as places are limited. Register on-line at [www.hunterdonhistory.org](http://www.hunterdonhistory.org) or by calling 908-782-1091. The fee for members of the Society is \$20; non-members is \$25. Funds will help the Society in its mission to collect, preserve and share the history of Hunterdon County.

*PHOTO: Dana Balsamo, AQS Certified Quilt Appraiser*