
Monmouth Museum

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**MONMOUTH MUSEUM HOSTS TRANSCULTURAL NEW JERSEY: DIVERSE
ARTISTS SHAPING CULTURE AND COMMUNITIES**

CULTURE AND MEMORIES THREADED THROUGH THE FIBER ARTS
August 1 through September 5, 2004

AFRICAN-AMERICAN QUILT DEMONSTRATION AND WORKSHOP
Tuesday, August 24, 2004
10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

The Monmouth Museum is pleased to join over twenty other New Jersey cultural institutions in a statewide art exhibition, "Transcultural New Jersey: An Arts and Education Initiative," mounted around a central theme: cultural diversity. **Culture and Memories Threaded through the Fiber Arts**, which opens August 1, 2004 and runs through September 5, explores the rich heritages and traditions of diverse cultures through the fiber works of New Jersey artists and craft artists from diverse backgrounds. Narratives, personal histories and experiences--many related to issues of identity and multiple belongings -- and both preservation and adaptation of time-honored techniques are reflected in traditional and contemporary works such as quilts, weavings, tapestries, batik, and fabric sculpture. This exhibition was curated by Marianne Ficarra of the Rutgers University Office of Intercultural Initiatives.

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On Tuesday, August 24, 2004 an **African-American Quilting Demonstration and Workshop** will be given at the Museum by members of the Nubian Heritage League. The program will run from 10 AM to 3 PM with a one hour break for lunch. The presentation, which is sponsored by the Monmouth County Arts Council, will include a discussion of the influence and contributions of African-Americans on the American quilting experience with particular emphasis given to quilt blocks used to identify safe houses along the Underground Railroad. Participants will have the opportunity to hand quilt a block, which they can take home. Admission is free for this activity, which is open to all including supervised children 8 years old and up.

"Transcultural New Jersey: An Arts and Education Initiative" is a yearlong, statewide project documenting the contributions of Latino/Hispanic, African-American, Asian-American and Native-American New Jersey artists. Transcultural New Jersey was developed by Rutgers University's Office for Intercultural Initiatives and the Jane Voorhees Zimmerli Art Museum in partnership with New Jersey Network (NJN) Public Television. It is supported by the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation, Merrill Lynch, JP Morgan Chase, the Blanche and Irving Laurie Foundation, Johnson & Johnson, the New Jersey State Council on the Arts and the New Jersey Council for the Humanities. The exhibition schedule and additional information are available at www.transculturalNJ.org.

The Monmouth Museum is located on the Brookdale Community College campus, Newman Springs Road, Lincroft, NJ, parking lot #1. The exhibition will be on view Tuesdays through Saturdays from 10 AM to 4:30 PM and Sundays 1 to 5 PM. Admission is \$5. For more information about the exhibition or the quilting demonstration call the Monmouth Museum at (732) 747-2266.