

Gee's Bend The Architecture of the Quilt

April 13 – July 6, 2008

EXHIBITION EXTRAS**Special Events****Gee's Bend Weekend Celebration****Colorful Quilts! A Gee's Bend Family Day**

A Target sponsored free Saturday with special activities focusing on the Gee's Bend exhibition. Meet the quilters and listen as they raise their voice in spontaneous song. Kids are invited to design a colorful square to add to the clothes line of paper quilts. Book signing will take place throughout the day.

Saturday, June 7, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Sunday Afternoon with the Quilters of Gee's Bend

Join the women of Gee's Bend as they discuss the history behind the quilts through colorful images, stories and songs. Stick around after the presentation for a book signing. Sponsored by the Cooke-Daniels Memorial Lectures Fund.

Sunday, June 8, 1-2:30 p.m., Sharp Auditorium

\$7 (\$5 members/students)

Untitled

Untitled mixed-media events take place at the Denver Art Museum (DAM) on the final Friday of each month. Offbeat encounters with art, detours, live music and a cash bar, all with a dose of the unexpected. The DAM feels less like a field trip and more like a night out. Tickets are included in general Museum admission, and students receive 2-for-1 tickets with valid I.D.

Untitled #16 (Thread)

Dive into the stories of the Gee's Bend quilters and discover the threads that connect the DAM collections in unique ways. Women from the Spirituals Project will perform and artist, activist and avid sewer Frau Fiber will share sewing techniques with visitors. Tours of the Gee's Bend exhibition and permanent collections will be offered.

Friday, June 27, 6–10 p.m.

Life Meets Art Adult Courses and Programs

The DAM and its art collections can intersect with your life in more ways than you ever imagined! Scratch a creative itch, sharpen an artistic skill or discover a new passion with our Life Meets Art programs.

To register, visit www.denverartmuseum.org/lifemeetsart or call 720-913-0051.

Studio Art Courses**Patchwork Pendants**, with Joy Barrett

Snippets of string, fragments of fabric, buttons and beads make a pendant that will warm your heart. Let texture and shape collide into a mini quilt-square pendant. A bit of crimping and clasping will complete your ready-to-wear folk-art jewel. Be inspired by the Gee's Bend quilt exhibition and create your own patchwork pretty.

Saturday, May 10, 2:30–4:30 p.m., North Building, lower level

\$35 (\$30 members/students)

Quilting Studio with Jessica Vaughn

A quilt can be a warm blanket as well as a medium for storytelling, expression and history. This first-ever quilting studio promises to be great for beginners and seasoned quilters alike. Draw inspiration from the Gee's Bend exhibition of amazing quilts and try your hand at creating your own unique designs. We'll provide all the materials you'll need to start quilting.

Thursdays, April 17, 24, May 8, 15, 22, 2:30–5 p.m., North Building, lower level
\$150 (\$140 members/students)

Book Club

Best-Ever Book Clubs are located on the sixth level of the North Building in the Discovery Library.

A Gee's Bend Book Club with Heather Nielsen, DAM master teacher for native arts

Gather with friends at the museum as we unearth intimate stories of the Gee's Bend quilters. Elyzabeth Gregory Wilder's play *Gee's Bend* follows the lives of Sadie Pettway and the women of Gee's Bend, Alabama, who created the magnificent quilts on view at the DAM. Immerse yourself in the play's human tale of racial indignities, complex relationships and delight as Sadie emerges as a respected artist.

Saturday, May 10, 3–4:30 p.m.
\$12 (\$10 members)

A copy of the Gee's Bend play is available through the Denver Art Museum by calling 720-913-0051. Cost is \$10. See the play performed live at the Denver Center Theatre Company, March 14–April 19. Tickets: 303-893-4100 or denvercenter.org.

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