

From Heart to Hand *African-American Quilts from the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts*



In 2004, the Museum inaugurated its collection of African-American quilts with an acquisition of 48 quilts primarily created by women from West Alabama between 1945 and 2001. In late 2008, the Museum added ten more quilts to the collection. This exhibition includes select quilts from both groups, and features the work of Yvonne Wells and Nora Ezell, whose quilts showcase the variety of styles in the MMFA's permanent collection. The exhibition is divided into three thematic areas: Tradition: Patterns from the Past; Improvisation: Practical Invention; and An Unconventional Canvas: The Quilts of Yvonne Wells, each of which help to introduce traditional patterns of pieced quilts, expand on the improvisations distinct to each quilt artist or region, and to focus on examples from the work of one contemporary Alabama quilter respectively.

Contents

30 quilts with associated panels and label copy provided on CD. High resolution images for promotional purposes and sample press release also will be provided.

Publication

Just How I Picture It in My Mind: Contemporary African-American Quilts from the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts by Mary Elizabeth Johnson Huff. Published 2006, 109 pages with color illustrations. Two copies of the book are included with exhibition rental. Additional copies available at a discounted rate.

Requirements

The exhibition requires approximately 350 linear feet of installation space. It must be installed in galleries devoted solely to the exhibition of art; no natural or fluorescent light is allowed. Works must be displayed at or under 10 footcandles. Institutions must provide a current AAM Facilities Report. Appropriate 24-hour climate control, security, and fire suppression systems must be maintained.

Terms and Availability

The exhibition is available between January, 2016 and December, 2018. The rental fee of \$10,000 for ten weeks (on view) includes 30 quilts, text for panels and labels on CD, and two copies of the book. A certificate of insurance is required; shipping is not included but may be prorated depending upon scheduling of venues. Please contact Sarah Graves, Collections Information Specialist, at sgraves@mmfa.org for details.

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Checklist

6 . **Roberta Jemison** (b. 1928)

Alabama

Boligee, Greene County

Log Cabin Variation (red, white, blue) ca. 1995

Cotton, cotton/ polyester blend, polyester

82 1/2 in. x 76 in. (209.55 cm x 193.04 cm)

Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts Association Purchase

2004.21.6



7 . **Roberta Jemison** (b. 1928)

Alabama

Boligee, Greene County

Tombstone Quilt ca. 1994

Polyester, cotton/ polyester blend

85 in. x 82 in. (215.9 cm x 208.28 cm)

Gift of Kempf Hogan

2005.9.5

8 . **Mary Lucas** (1926-2009)

Alabama

Pink Lily, Autauga County

Everybody Quilt ca. 1975-1980

Cotton, cotton/ polyester blend, polyester, wool

82 in. x 71 in. (208.28 cm x 180.34 cm)

Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts Association Purchase

2004.21.7

9 . **Mary Maxtion** (b. 1924)

Alabama

Boligee, Greene County

Bars and Blocks 2000

Cotton/ polyester blend, polyester, cotton

90 in. x 82 in. (228.6 cm x 208.28 cm)

Gift of Kempf Hogan

2008.10.2

10 . **Mary Maxtion** (b. 1924)

Alabama

Boligee, Greene County

Everybody Quilt ca. 1991

Cotton, cotton/ polyester blend, polyester, wool, rayon

84 in. x 87 in. (213.36 cm x 220.98 cm)

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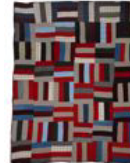
1 1. **Mary Maxtion** (b. 1924)

Alabama
Boligee, Greene County
Patriotic Stars ca. 1993
Cotton, cotton/ polyester blend
102 1/2 in. x 85 in. (260.35 cm x 215.9 cm)
Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts Association Purchase
2004.21.10



1 2. **Lureca Outland** (1904 - 2008)

Alabama
Boligee, Greene County
Roman Stripes Britchy Quilt ca. 1989
Polyester, cotton, cotton/ polyester blend, wool, wool/ polyester blend
90 in. x 65 1/2 in. (228.6 cm x 166.37 cm)
Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts Association Purchase
2004.21.15



1 3. **Addie Pelt** (1921 - 1999)

Alabama
Boligee, Greene County
Everybody Quilt ca. 1988
Cotton, cotton/ polyester blend, polyester
88 in. x 74 in. (223.52 cm x 187.96 cm)
Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts Association Purchase
2004.21.17



1 4. **Plummer T Pettway** (1918 - 1993)

Alabama
Gee's Bend, Wilcox County
Housetop/Strip Quilt ca. 1960-1970
Cotton/ polyester blend, polyester, cotton, wool
85 1/2 in. x 85 in. (217.17 cm x 215.9 cm)
Gift of Kempf Hogan in honor of Robert Johns and Patrick Balch
2005.9.7



1 5. **Catherine Somerville** (1870 - active to c. 1960)

Alabama
Aliceville, Pickens County
Log Cabin (Pig Pen Variation)/Checkerboard ca. 1950-1960
Cotton, cotton/ polyester blend, polyester
76 1/2 in. x 70 in. (194.31 cm x 177.8 cm)
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16. Sarah Mary Taylor (1916 - 2000)

Mississippi
Yazoo City, Yazoo County
The Lord Is My Shuper ca. 1989
Cotton/ polyester blend
60 in. x 50 in. (152.4 cm x 127 cm)
Gift of Kempf Hogan
2004.20.6



17. Unknown American Maker, Alabama

Alabama
Tuscaloosa, Tuscaloosa County
Crib Quilt (Strips, Bars and Blocks) ca. 1945
Cotton
59 1/4 in. x 40 in. (150.5 cm x 101.6 cm)
Gift of Kempf Hogan
2005.9.9



18. Unknown American Maker, Alabama

Alabama
Tuscaloosa, Tuscaloosa County
Pig Pen Quilt late twentieth century
Cotton
80 in. x 68 1/4 in. (203.2 cm x 173.36 cm)
Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts Association Purchase
2004.21.22



19. Odell Valentine (b. 1925)

Alabama
Northport, Tuscaloosa County
Lone Star ca. 1985
Polyester, cotton
98 in. x 102 in. (248.92 cm x 259.08 cm)
Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts Association Purchase
2004.21.23



20. Yvonne Wells (b. 1940)

Alabama
Tuscaloosa, Tuscaloosa County
Dove Descending 1993
Cotton, cotton/ polyester blend, rayon, plastic button
57 in. x 51 1/2 in. (144.78 cm x 130.81 cm)
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21. Yvonne Wells (b. 1940)

Alabama

Tuscaloosa, Tuscaloosa County

Elvis II 1991

Cotton, cotton/ polyester blend, polyester, rickrack, sequins, fringe

82 in. x 50 1/2 in. (208.28 cm x 128.27 cm)

Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts Association Purchase

2004.21.25



22. Yvonne Wells (b. 1940)

Alabama

Tuscaloosa, Tuscaloosa County

The Great American Pastime: Homage to Jackie Robinson I 1997

Cotton, cotton/ polyester blend, plastic buttons

110 1/2 in. x 78 1/2 in. (280.67 cm x 199.39 cm)

Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts Association Purchase and Gift of
Carolyn and Dr. Alfred J. Newman, Jr.

2004.21.26



23. Yvonne Wells (b. 1940)

Alabama

Tuscaloosa, Tuscaloosa County

Helen Keller 2006

Cotton/ polyester blend, cotton, plastic buttons, embroidery thread, lace

90 in. x 69 1/2 in. (228.6 cm x 176.53 cm)

Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts Association Purchase

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24. Yvonne Wells

Alabama

Tuscaloosa, Tuscaloosa County

The Higginbothams II 1989

Cotton, wool, cotton/polyester blend, plastic buttons

62 1/2 in. x 41 in. (158.75 cm x 104.14 cm)

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2004.21.27



25. Yvonne Wells (b. 1940)

Alabama

Tuscaloosa, Tuscaloosa County

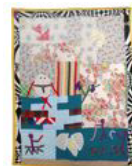
Humpty Dumpty II 1988

Cotton, cotton/ polyester blend, plastic buttons, metal grommet

54 in. x 41 1/2 in. (137.16 cm x 105.41 cm)

Gift of Kempf Hogan

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26. Yvonne Wells

Alabama
Tuscaloosa, Tuscaloosa County
Me Masked I 1993
Cotton, cotton/ polyester blend, yarn, rickrack
61 in. x 60 in. (154.94 cm x 152.4 cm)
Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts Association Purchase
2004.21.28



27. Yvonne Wells (b. 1940)

Alabama
Tuscaloosa, Tuscaloosa County
Noah and the Ark 1989
Cotton/ polyester blend, cotton, wool, plastic buttons, rickrack, thumbtacks
82 in. x 67 1/2 in. (208.28 cm x 171.45 cm)
Gift of Kempf Hogan
2008.10.4



28. Yvonne Wells (b. 1940)

Alabama
Tuscaloosa, Tuscaloosa County
Rosa Parks I 2005
Cotton/ polyester blend, polyester, cotton, plastic buttons
89 1/2 in. x 73 in. (227.33 cm x 185.42 cm)
Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts Association Purchase
2008.9.6



29. Yvonne Wells

Alabama
Tuscaloosa, Tuscaloosa County
The Whole Armor of God II 1996
Cotton, cotton/ polyester blend, polyester and plastic buttons
99 1/4 in. x 76 1/4 in. (252.1 cm x 193.68 cm)
Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts Association Purchase
2004.21.30



30. Yvonne Wells (b. 1940)

Alabama
Tuscaloosa, Tuscaloosa County
Yesterday: Civil Rights in the South III 1989
Cotton, cotton/ polyester blend, wool, polyester, plastic buttons
85 1/2 in. x 74 1/2 in. (217.17 cm x 189.23 cm)
Gift of Kempf Hogan
2004.20.8

