

# *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.

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## **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](mailto: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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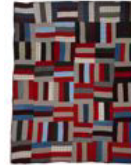
1 1. **Mary Maxtion** (b. 1924)

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)

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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)

Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts Association Purchase

2004.21.27



25. Yvonne Wells (b. 1940)

Alabama

Tuscaloosa, Tuscaloosa County

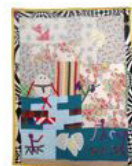
**Humpty Dumpty II** 1988

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

2005.9.10





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26. Yvonne Wells

Alabama  
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**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

