

MEDIA ADVISORY

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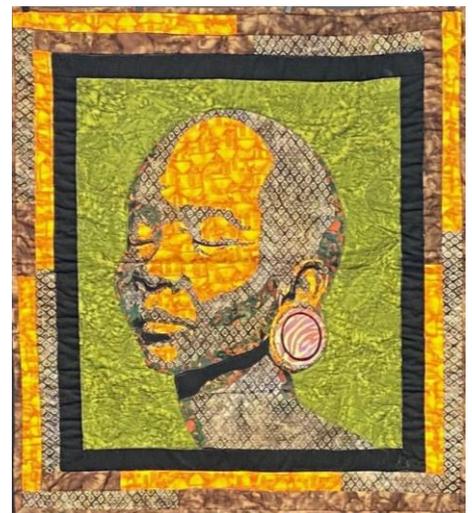
Exhibit of Story Quilts to Open at Sandy Spring Museum

Quilts and the Stories They Tell

On exhibit January 8 – March 12, 2021

**Closed Presidents' Day*

Sandy Spring, MD – Several dozen contemporary story quilts will be exhibited at Sandy Spring Museum in *Quilts and the Stories They Tell*. The exhibit runs from January 8 through March 12, 2021. Visitation is on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, and Fridays from 10:00 am to 8:00 pm. Reservations are encouraged.



Baby on my Mind by Sandra Ealy

About the Exhibit

While every quilt has a backstory, the creation of a **story quilt** begins with a message from its maker. A story quilt may include words, photos, non-traditional fabrics and embellishments along with more standard quilting techniques and materials.

Exhibit curator Lauren Kingsland artfully combines the works of professional and avocational fiber artists in a single show. The quilts tell personal stories of racism, love and loss, and relationships, and explore current topics like the right to vote. One featured piece, *Blood on Your Hands*, shares a heartbreaking story about depression and the urge to harm. “Something inside of her was telling her to kill all of the children, including her own, that were in her care at the time,” narrates the artist, Sandra Ealy.

Due to county restrictions related to the COVID-19 pandemic, visiting hours and capacity will be limited so that the quilts can be viewed in a safe and socially-distanced environment. Visitation guidelines will

be in line with the county restrictions and will remain up-to-date at www.sandyspringmuseum.org/quilts.

Virtual Exhibit Programs

One Snip Stars for Quilters

January 16 at 3:00 pm

Hands-on virtual workshop on how to construct a 5-pointed star with a clever fold and just one snip of the scissors. Led by Lauren Kingsland.

Make a Flash Story Quilt

February 2 at 10:30 am and 7:00 pm

Hands-on virtual workshops on telling a simple story in fabric led by Lauren Kingsland.

Behind the Quilts: A Virtual Musical Experience

February 18 at 7:30 pm

Featuring music from Grammy-winning duo Cathy Fink and Marcie Marxer, spoken word by curator Lauren Kingsland, and shared stories by members of the Uhuru Quilters Guild.

HerStory Through Quilts

March 6 at 11:00 am

Virtual presentation focusing on the anatomy of a story quilt and highlighting story quilts created by a diverse group of women. Led by Angela Lanier.

Participating Artists

Lauren Kingsland

Master quilter and teacher, Ms. Kingsland combines traditional and contemporary techniques to create quilts that are recognized as works of art. She is a visiting artist with the MedStar Georgetown University Hospital Lombardi Arts & Humanities program and teaches for the Smithsonian Studio Arts Program. She views the creation of quilts as a tool for self-knowledge and healing.

Cathy Fink

Cathy Fink is a two-time GRAMMY® Award winner with an additional eleven GRAMMY nominations and over sixty Wammies (Washington-area music awards) nominations with her partner Marcy Marxer. Her musical specialties include old-time country, bluegrass, swing and various other roots styles. In 2019 Ms. Fink learned to quilt while she apprenticed under Ms. Kingsland through the Maryland State Arts Council Folklife Apprenticeship program.

The Uhuru Quilters Guild

In 1994 the Uhuru Quilters Guild was established as a chapter of the National Association of African American Quilters. Now an independent organization, the group's members host workshops and demonstrations, participate in exhibits, and build community through a shared enjoyment of fiber arts. The Guild's members created two community quilts that hang in the Frederick Douglass House and the Mary McLeod Bethune Council House. Members who will be exhibiting in this exhibit include Sandra Ealy, Sarita Brewer, Katherine Wilson, Tammie Morrow, Carol Williams, Shirley Hodge, Maxine Morgan, Winifred Wallace and nationally-exhibited fiber artist Angela Lanier.

About Sandy Spring Museum

Sandy Spring Museum supports community-driven cultural arts and educational programs. We gather community to build a sense of place and belonging. Sandy Spring Museum is located at 17901 Bentley Road, Sandy Spring, MD 20860. For more information, visit www.sandyspringmuseum.org/quilts.

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