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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIAHistorical and Museum Commission
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HARRISBURG: *Quilts and More*, a new temporary show that highlights quilts, furniture and needlework tools, opened at The State Museum of Pennsylvania in Harrisburg on May 5. Historic quilts from the museum's outstanding collection of Pennsylvania needlework as well as contemporary quilts are included in the colorful exhibit.

"This exhibit provides an opportunity to highlight one of the State Museum's most important collections and to marvel at the quality and creativity of these Pennsylvania quilt makers in the context of period furnishings," said Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission (PHMC) Executive Director Barbara Franco.

Visitors will be impressed by the craftsmanship of furniture made in Chester County during the 1860s and an 1870s Star quilt from Perry County. Pennsylvania German painted blanket chests and a cradle represent furniture associated with the storing and use of quilts. A rare hexagon quilt top pieced in the English style during the 1860s is also on display. Other items include an elaborate beaded pincushion and sewing implements.

The *Quilts and More* exhibit is located on the ground floor of the museum through August 21.

One of 26 historic sites and museums operated throughout the Commonwealth by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, The State Museum of Pennsylvania is located at 300 North St., Harrisburg. Hours of operation are: Tuesday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday noon to 5 p.m.; open Mondays through June 6. Admission is free. Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission is the official history agency of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

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