



## The Massachusetts Quilt Documentation Project

### ***Preserving our state's heritage for the future***

Do you own a quilt that was made before 2000 in Massachusetts or that was made elsewhere but currently resides in Massachusetts? Would you like to know more about that quilt?

MassQuilts holds documentation days at the [New England Quilt Museum](#), 18 Shattuck Street in downtown Lowell on the second Thursday of several months. Appointments are by reservation only. Fee: \$20 per quilt. Call 978-452-4207 X 15 to make an appointment.

We allow 20 minutes to study each item. While you're right there, your quilt will be photographed, measured, and examined by our trained volunteers. They will complete a 3-page worksheet describing everything about the quilt except its market value. We can refer you to an appraiser if needed. You will receive a copy of the photo and worksheet and information on how to best care for your quilt. You'll also receive a fabric label to sew to the back of the quilt showing that it's been documented by our project and giving the ID number to preserve the information gathered.

The information about your quilt (without revealing your identity) will be added to our database for research purposes. That data will also be added to the national quilt database at [www.quiltindex.org](http://www.quiltindex.org)

In 2009, MassQuilts published a 336-page hardbound book. *Massachusetts Quilts: Our Common Wealth* features the most beautiful and historically significant quilts studied in the previous 15 years of our project, with more than 200 color photos including overall views, detail shots and photographs of the makers. To see some of the photos, read samples of the stories included in the book visit [www.massquilts.org](http://www.massquilts.org). Although the book is no longer in print, copies may still be available on Amazon.com.