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“Southern Quilts: Originality and Making Do” **A Brown Bag Lecture with Merikay Waldvogel**

PROGRAM: *Southern Quilts: Originality and Making Do* / a Brown Bag Lecture by Merikay Waldvogel

DATE: Noon, Wednesday, October 11, 2017

LOCATION: East Tennessee History Center
601 South Gay Street
Knoxville, TN 37902

ADMISSION: FREE | Attendees are encouraged to bring a “brown bag” lunch



(Knoxville, TN) In conjunction with the feature exhibition *Stories in Stitches: Quilts from the East Tennessee Historical Society's Permanent Collection* guest co-curator and nationally and internationally known quilt historian Merikay Waldvogel will share her favorite Southern quilt stories, including several from the exhibit. From histories handed down to mysteries that remain, the new feature exhibition at the Museum of East Tennessee History provides visitors the opportunity to learn the "stories in stitches" from the quilts that have been entrusted to the East Tennessee Historical Society. *Stories in Stitches* features more than two dozen quilts with dates ranging from c. 1820 to 2001. The exhibition is on display in the Rogers-Claussen Feature Gallery of the East Tennessee History Center through January 2, 2018.

Merikay Waldvogel was born in St. Louis, MO. She studied languages in college and taught ESL in Chicago before moving to Knoxville, in the late 1970s. Her first book *Quilts of Tennessee* resulted from the state quilt survey she and Bets Ramsey conducted in the 1980s. Her next books, *Soft Covers for Hard Times* and *Patchwork Souvenirs of the 1933 Chicago World's Fair*, focused on quilting during the Great Depression. *Childhood Treasures: Quilts Made By and For Children* is her latest. In 2009, she was inducted into the Quilters Hall of Fame.



The program is free and open to the public. The lecture will begin at noon at the East Tennessee History Center, 601 S. Gay Street, Knoxville. Guests are invited to bring a “Brown Bag” lunch and enjoy the lecture. Soft drinks will be available for purchase. For more information on the lecture, exhibitions, or museum hours, call 865-215-8824 or visit the website at www.EastTNHistory.org.

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