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### **2500 QUILTS TO BE SHOWN AT 2005 KUTZTOWN FESTIVAL**

The nation's largest quilt sale, offering about 2,500 handmade American quilts, will take place at the 2005 Kutztown Festival, July 2 through July 10 in Kutztown, PA. Most of these beautiful creations are made by local Mennonite and Amish women, and represent the finest of authentic Pennsylvania Dutch skill and craftsmanship. Quilts are accepted for the festival following a competitive juried process.

All quilts are available for purchase, and a very helpful, knowledgeable staff is available to assist visitors. The quilts range in size from king size to crib size. Judges will choose the best 100 quilts. Top honors will then be awarded to the 24 Best of Sale quilts. All prize-winning quilts are on display during the Festival.

The prize-winning quilts are sold at auction on the second Saturday of the Festival, July 9<sup>th</sup>. The auction attracts large numbers of bidders from all over the country, and several are sold yearly to international buyers. In 2004, one quilt sold for a record setting price of \$8,400.

Quilting demonstrations and quilting bees are held throughout the 9-day festival. Another favorite attraction is the Festival Visitors Quilt, created entirely by visitors attending the Festival, young and old alike enjoy contributing to this activity. Visitors get to make their own quilt patch, which is then added to the quilt. Every year a new quilt is made, and all are on display, allowing visitors to show their children see the pieces they have done in the past, and helping their children to make their own piece to start their own tradition quilting.

Now in its 55<sup>th</sup> year, the Kutztown Festival at the fairgrounds in Kutztown, PA features a wide variety of good family fun. In addition to quilts, there are 200 nationally-recognized, juried folk artists and traditional American craftsmen; antiques and collectables, folklife demonstrations, folklore, 6 stages of entertainment, music, dancing, lots of children's activities, and plenty of Pennsylvania Dutch food.

Hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. Admission for adults is \$10, seniors \$9. Children 12 and under are admitted free. There is ample free parking and a free shuttle service is offered from the Festival parking lots. For a free brochure, please call 1-888-674-6136 or 610-683-1597. Visit the Festival website at [www.kutztownfestival.com](http://www.kutztownfestival.com).

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Editors: For more information or a CD containing Festival quilting photos or a CD showing last years Top Quilts, call Dave at 610-683-1537, or email to [david@kutztownfestival.com](mailto:david@kutztownfestival.com)