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### **The Ohio Arts Council's Riffe Gallery Hosts *Quilt National '09***

The Ohio Arts Council's Riffe Gallery will present a selection of quilts from *Quilt National '09* from November 12, 2009 – January 17, 2010. This exhibition is produced and circulated by the Dairy Barn Southeastern Ohio Cultural Arts Center in Athens, Ohio. The exhibition is the 16<sup>th</sup> biennial juried exhibition of innovative quilts and demonstrates the transformations taking place in the world of quilting by some of the most talented contemporary quilt artists from around the world.

Join the Riffe Gallery for the opening of *Quilt National '09* on November 12 from 10 a.m. – 8 p.m. *Quilt National* Director Kathleen M. Dawson will lead a tour of the exhibition on November 13 from noon – 1 p.m. Artists in the show include (Ohio artists indicated): Bob Adams, Sue Akerman, Sue Benner, David Brackett, Pat Budge, Beth Carney, Shin-hee Chin, **Liz DeBellis, (Canton)**, Gabriella D'Italia, Pamela Fitzsimons, Andrée Fredette, Barbara Oliver Hartman, Anna Hergert, Ann Johnston, Jessica Jones, Catherine Kleeman, Hsin Chen Lin, Shulamit Liss, Kathleen Loomis, Kathleen McCabe, Judith Plotner, Clare Plug, **Judy Rush, (Bexley)**, Joan Schulze, Anne Smith, Christine Tedesco, Karina Thompson, Kent Williams, Erin M. Wilson and Kathy York.

The Ohio Arts Council's Riffe Gallery will also hold a Family Day Workshop on Sunday, December 13, 2009 from 2 – 4 p.m. Local artist Melissa Vogley-Woods will help children age 6 – 17 explore traditional quilt patterns as a basis for personal discovery. All participants will work with translucent layers of fabric, building up images with drawing, stitches and collage over a pattern-based fabric. No sewing skills are required. Registration is required as space is limited and all children must be accompanied by a registered adult. Registration begins November 12 and ends December 4, 2009 online at [www.riffegallery.org](http://www.riffegallery.org).

The Ohio Arts Council's Riffe Gallery is located in the Vern Riffe Center for Government and the Arts, 77 S. High St., Columbus, OH. Admission is free. Gallery hours are Tuesday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m. – 5:30 p.m., Thursday, 10 a.m. – 8 p.m. and Saturday, and Sunday, noon-4 p.m. Closed Mondays and state holidays. Visit [www.riffegallery.org](http://www.riffegallery.org) or phone 614/644-9624 for more information. The Riffe Gallery is supported by the Ohio Building Authority. Media Sponsors include CD101, CityScene, Ohio Magazine and Time Warner Cable.

Free group tours are available Wednesday through Friday throughout the run of each exhibition. To schedule a group tour contact Riffe Gallery Director Mary Gray at [mary.gray@oac.state.oh.us](mailto:mary.gray@oac.state.oh.us) or 614/728-2239.

The Ohio Arts Council's Riffe Gallery showcases the work of Ohio's artists and curators, exhibitions produced by the Ohio Arts Council's International Program and the collections of the region's museums and galleries. The Riffe Gallery's Education Program seeks to increase public appreciation and understanding of those exhibitions. Admission is free. For information, call the Riffe Gallery at 614/644-9624.

The Ohio Arts Council is a state agency that funds and supports quality arts experiences to strengthen Ohio communities culturally, educationally and economically.

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**Images are available upon request.**

**Calendar Listing:**

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