



## International Quilt Study Center & Museum

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### Quilts in Four Part Harmony

**What:** New Quilt Exhibition Features Classic American Quiltmaking  
**When:** Opens Friday, 10/30/09 and runs through Sunday, 3/28/10  
**Where:** International Quilt Study Center & Museum  
33rd and Holdrege Streets, Lincoln, NE USA

(Lincoln, NE) The exhibition "Four Part Harmony: The Linda Carlson Four-Block Quilt Collection" will open at the International Quilt Study Center & Museum (IQSC) on Friday, October 30, 2009. Over two dozen quilts are shown in two rotations. Rotation One runs October 30, 2009 through January 10, 2010. The second rotation opens January 13, 2010 and runs through March 28, 2010. Collector and author Linda Carlson and IQSC Curator of Collections Carolyn Ducey chose the quilts on display from a collection donated to the center in 2004 by Carlson and her husband Dr. John V. Carlson.

The four-block style was popular during a classic era of American quiltmaking starting in the 1840s and continuing into the early 1900s. The large, symmetrical patterns were inspired by fast-changing styles of the nineteenth century. New fabric production and sewing techniques also influenced the quiltmakers. This exhibition shows how quilting reflected cultural and political trends as well as other practical effects of new sewing tools and dyeing technologies.

Linda Carlson is a well-known quilting author: her first two books, ***Roots, Feathers & Blooms: Four-Block Quilts, Their History & Patterns***, and ***Four-Blocks Continued***, were published in 1994 and 1997, and her third followed in 2002, ***Quilting to Soothe the Soul: Create Memories for Today, Tomorrow & Forever***.

Exhibition programming, all free with museum admission, includes:

- Sunday, November 1, 2:00 PM – Public lecture, “Roots of the Large Four-Block Quilt”, Linda Carlson,
- Tuesday, January 12, Noon - Tuesday Talk – “A Behind-the-Scenes Look at Exhibition Installation”
- Sunday, February 21, 2:00 PM – “Meet the Curator” book signing and conversation with Linda Carlson
- Tuesday, March 16, Noon – Tuesday Talk – “Four-Block Quilts in the IQSC Collection” , Carolyn Ducey
- Public guided tours are available on Wednesdays at 11:00 am and Saturdays at 11:00 am and 1:00 pm. These tours are free with admission. Reserved guided tours for groups of 10 or more are available during public hours. Please schedule at least four weeks in advance by calling 402-472-6549.

NOTE: The museum will close during the UNL winter break on these dates: December 24, 25, 28 – 31 and January 1. Visit [www.QuiltStudy.org](http://www.QuiltStudy.org) or call 402-472-6549 for more information.

The International Quilt Study Center formed in 1997 and now has the largest publicly held quilt collection in the world. The museum, built with private funding, opened in its new location in 2008. It houses more than 3000 quilts, research and storage space, and exhibition galleries. The center’s mission is to collect, preserve, study, exhibit, and promote discovery of quilts and quilting traditions from many cultures, countries, and times

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