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Preserving Our Quilt Legacy: Giving Antique Quilts the Special Care They Deserve
by Ann Wasserman

A Unique Guide to Antique Quilt Care for Quilters and Quilt Collectors
(2nd edition)

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Evanston, Illinois, USA February 6, 2017 -- Thoughtful care can help preserve antique quilts for the generations to come. Professional quilt artist and restorer Ann Wasserman guides quilt owners through the process of choosing the most appropriate ways of caring for their precious and fragile treasures. In her comprehensive book, Ann offers a wealth of practical information to aid both collectors hoping to find professionals to care for their collections and quilters and quilt owners who want instructions they can follow in the home.

The book, which is illustrated throughout with step-by-step diagrams and color

plates, offers guidelines for proper storage, display, and cleaning. Ann emphasizes that "Preventative maintenance is the best medicine, and whatever special care you can give your quilts will lengthen their lives." In the event a quilt needs repair, Ann offers two basic rules: "Do as little as possible," and "Don't do anything that can't be undone." She thoroughly examines conservation and restoration techniques and supplies, explaining the range of options that can be considered and demonstrating techniques that can safely be done at home by a quilter. Along the way, she shares tales of some of the beautiful quilts that have passed through her studio for repair, cleaning, and conservation.

I've just finished reading your book Preserving Our Quilt Legacy and I thoroughly enjoyed it. I have been restoring and conserving quilts for over twenty years, and as I read your book I was seconding your thoughts on conservative treatment of quilt repairs and learning new techniques for my own repair work in the future. This was a much needed update to Camille Cognac's twenty year old work. Thank you!

Dale Drake, Swallowtail Ridge Quilt Repair and Restoration

About Ann Wasserman —Ann Wasserman holds a degree in anthropology from Northwestern University. She has been working with antique quilts for over thirty years, and has taught about quilt history and design at the Field Museum of Natural History and the Art Institute in Chicago as well as at numerous quilt guilds and historical societies.

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