



New England Quilt Museum

New England Quilt Museum Red Sox Quilt Unveiling Party September 15, 5-7pm

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Lowell, MA—September 1, 2009. The New England Quilt Museum will be hosting a party to officially unveil their Red Sox Quilt, signed by 24 members of the 2009 Red Sox, and made by nationally-acclaimed quilt artist Rosemary Bawn, on Tuesday, September 15, from 5 to 7pm. The baseball themed party will feature ballpark refreshments, and will mark the official unveiling of the unique work of sports memorabilia and quilt art.

The quilt, containing a center panel signed by 24 of the 2009 Red Sox team, including Tim Wakefield, Jason Varitek, Jonathan Papelbon, Dustin Pedroia, J.D. Drew, and Josh Beckett, as well as President and CEO Larry Lucchino, will be auctioned on eBay starting September 15. The panel was generously donated by the Red Sox Foundation in response to a request by the museum. The autographed fabric was then made into a quilt by nationally-renowned quilt artist Rosemary Bawn, who is known nationwide for her pictorial Red Sox works.

Featuring a panorama of Fenway Park, the piece was hand-quilted by the artist. Measuring 54” by 40”, the work took a total of 175 hours to complete. It incorporates fabrics that are reproductions from a quilt soon to be exhibited at the museum, made around 1910, with early 20th century baseball players depicted in the fabric.

The complete list of Red Sox players who signed the quilt is:

Jason Varitek
Nick Green
Dustin Pedroia
Rocco Badelli
Takashi Saito
Jed Lowrie
J.D. Drew
Julio Lugo
Brad Penny
Jason Bay
Mike Lowell
Daniel Bard
Jacody Ellsbury

David Ortiz
Ramon Ramirez
Justin Masterson
Daisuke Matsuzaka
Tim Wakefield
Josh Beckett
Hideki Okajima
Jonathan Papelbon
Kevin Youkilis
Mark Kotsay

The New England Quilt Museum, located in downtown Lowell, Massachusetts, sponsors a wide range of activities to bring art education to children in public schools, make comfort quilts for hospitalized children in cooperation with Project Linus, help Scouts earn their badges, raise awareness for breast and cervical cancer, and a host of other projects. The Museum sent the Red Sox Foundation a panel of fabric this spring, asking that the players and management sign the cloth to be made into a fundraising quilt, to further the Museum's mission. The Foundation responded with virtually the entire team signing. Massachusetts artist and longtime Sox fan Bawn transformed that signed panel into the quilt that is being auctioned, using her popular style, which combines traditional quilt motifs with images of players, fans, and Fenway Park. The auction of the quilt is expected to bring funding that will help the museum maintain its 150-year old building, as well as the community projects that they host.

To be notified of the specific time of the auction, and be sent a direct link to the eBay page, contact PR and Marketing Manager Chrissy Inge at pubrel@nequiltmuseum.org.

About the New England Quilt Museum

The New England Quilt Museum, located in Lowell, MA, preserves, interprets, and celebrates American quilting past and present. Museum hours are 10 AM - 4 PM Tuesday - Saturday; and Sundays 12 - 4 PM May through December. Admission is \$7 for adults, \$5 for students/senior citizens; Museum members are admitted free. Visit <http://www.nequiltmuseum.org> or call 978-452-4207 for more information.

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