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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Exhibit Title: Little Black Dress -- Annual Art Quilt Exhibition**

Exhibit runs: August 5, to Sep 23, 2017  
Reception: August 26 from 2 to 4 PM

## **Lowell Arts: a New Twist on the Little Black Dress**

Lowell, MA – Quilters show us their threads! Celebrate the fashion and imagination of the iconic little black dress. Quilts reflect where artists wore their little black dress, where they would like to wear their little black dress, what adventures await while wearing their little black dress, or what fabrics their favorite little black dress was made of. The winner of Best in Show will receive a \$200 cash prize.

This exhibition is part of the **Summer Celebration of New England Quilts** coordinated by the New England Quilt Museum. Lowell carries on the tradition of celebrating quilts and fiber related exhibits during August. Participating galleries with related themes include: The Brush Art Gallery and Studios, Whistler House Museum of Art, Lowell Telecommunications Corporation, Ayer Lofts Gallery, Arts League of Lowell, and Lowell National Historical Park (with “Your City Saturday” family friendly activities). Listings can be found here <http://nequiltmuseum.org/summer-celebration-2017.html>

### **JURORS**

**Mary Walter (Guest Curator):** Quilter, Curator, Member -- National Association of Certified Quilt Judges, Recipient of the Commonwealth Award for Excellence in Art

**Janice M. Jones:** Award winning Textile Artist, exhibited in many local and national juried art venues. Member of the Studio Art Quilt Associates (SAQA), Associate Artist at the Brush Art Gallery and Studios.

**National Artists include:** Bonnie Dubbin Askowitz, Miami FL; Nancy Bardach, Berkeley CA; Teresa Barkley, Maplewood NJ; Sue Bleiweiss, Pepperell MA; Kathleen Collins, Marlborough MA; Nancy Crasco, Brighton MA; Tricia Deck, Lincoln MA; Janis Doucette Sexton, North Reading MA; Sandy Gregg, Cambridge MA; Barbara Kassler, Newton MA; Jill Kerttula,

Charlottesville VA; Veronica Mays, Portsmouth RI; Lorie McCown, Fredericksburg VA; Suzanne Munroe, Barrington RI; Karen Musgrave, Naperville IL; Heidi Proffetty, Bridgewater MA; Bobbie Sullivan, Plymouth MA; Nancy Turbitt, Smithfield RI.

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

August 5, 2017	Show opens/First day of exhibit
Saturday, August 26, 2017	Public reception for artists
September 23, 2017	Show closes/Last day of exhibit

**Image: “Around the World in a Little Black Dress” -- 37.5” x 30.5” cotton, light weight crewel yarn, metallic thread, Bobbie Sullivan of Plymouth MA**

The Brush Art Gallery and Studios is located in the Lowell National Historical Park across the courtyard from the Visitor Center. This dynamic and captivating place was originally founded by the Lowell Historic Preservation Commission, U.S. Department of the Interior. The Brush presents museum quality exhibitions, educational programs, and has collaborated with many other nonprofit groups. Artists occupy studio spaces to interact with and educate the public on a weekly basis. Studio artists produce paintings, illustration, photography, jewelry, sculpture, ceramics, quilts, and handwoven items. Associate artists display work in the common area. The Brush Art Gallery and Studios is a nonprofit, 501(c)(3) organization. **The Brush is supported by the Lowell National Historical Park and Eastern National.**