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The Bowen House

The 2009 Washboard Music Festival Quilt Show is honored to feature more than 40 quilts from the Country Roads Quilt Guild of Vinton County. This talented group of ladies from in and around Vinton County gather monthly to share their expertise and friendship in the time honored craft of quilting. They have been together for 15 years and 2009 is their 16th year to sponsor the quilt show at the Wild Turkey Festival in McArthur.

One special quilt will be the focus of the Bowen House Literary evening on Thursday, June 11 at 6:30. Ann Faris, President of the Country Roads Quilt Guild, will present "Hidden in Plain View". Ann's presentation is based on the book by Jacqueline Tobin and Raymond Dobard called "Hidden in Plain View: A Secret Story of Quilts and the Underground Railroad". Displaying a quilt similar to one that may have been used, Ann tells the story of how quilts hanging on clothes lines helped to direct slaves to safe houses when the underground railroad was active. Specifically designed quilt squares directed runaway slaves away from danger and sent them northward to freedom. You may also see this significant quilt during the Washboard Festival Quilt Show from June 13 – June 27.

We hope to see you on Thursday, June 11 for the Hidden in Plain View presentation. And please stop by and see the beautiful quilts from Vinton County during regular Bowen House hours in June with extended hours during the Washboard Music Festival, June 19 and 20.

Please go to www.washboardmusicfestival.com for more Festival information.