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Summary: The work of alumni, faculty, staff and retirees is on display in conjunction with a traveling national exhibition of the Embroiderer's Guild of America, "Through the Needle's Eye."

(January 26, 2006)-A partnership between the Stevens County Historical Society and Prairie Renaissance Cultural Alliance has provided a rare opportunity to view the work of talented fiber artists from both near and far. A juried show of Stevens County fiber artists is on display at the Stevens County Historical Museum in conjunction with "Through the Needle's Eye," a national traveling exhibit of the Embroiderer's Guild of America.

The UMM community is well-represented in the juried show, sharing their talents and artistry in a variety of fiber art from colorful quilts to beaded pots, from hardanger to knitted cardigans. Participating artists include:

Carol Berg '45 West Central School of Agriculture
Lori Borowski '03, Registrar's Office
Avis Brandt, retiree
Therese Buchmiller, assistant professor of studio art
Tina Didreckson '03
Pieranna Garavaso, professor of philosophy
Susan Gilbert, art student
Sue Gooch, host of "Prairie Yard and Garden"
Carole A. Johnson, wife of Dennis Johnson '58 West Central School of Agriculture
Mie Lemke, mother-in-law of Pieranna Garavaso, professor of philosophy
Eva Maher, grandmother of Jess Larson '92, associate professor of studio art
Thomas McPhee, son of Susan Gilbert and Nic McPhee, associate professor of computer science
Judy Nord Johnson, retiree

Both the juried show and the traveling exhibition are on display from January 28 to March 17 in the Stevens County Historical Museum's new gallery space. Demonstrations, classes and artist's talks are scheduled for each weekend.

Also in conjunction with the "Through the Needle's Eye" is an exhibition by Jess Larson '92, UMM associate professor of studio art, displayed at the Prairie Renaissance Cultural Alliance gallery. "A Stitch in Time: Not Your Mother's Girdle" consists of eight hand made, hand embellished girdles that will surprise and intrigue you! You'll never think of the girdle in the same way again. Larson give an artist's talk on Saturday, Jan. 28, and will again speak at the gallery on Monday, March 13 at 7 p.m.

For details about the three exhibits, please check the corresponding web pages.

The [Stevens County Historical Museum](#) is located at 116 West 6th Street in Morris.

The [Prairie Renaissance Cultural Alliance](#) is located at 630 Atlantic Avenue in Morris.

Photo: Quilt by Lori Borowski '03, exhibited in the juried Stevens County fiber arts show.

Photo by Nic McPhee, associate professor of computer science.

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