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**REDDICK MANSION LOOKING FOR VINTAGE QUILTS AND THEIR
STORIES**

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The Reddick Mansion Association is hosting a Vintage Quilt Turn Down on July 16th and 17th and are looking for local handmade quilts to be part of the event.

During the “Turn Down”, vintage quilts will be stacked on a bed and as each quilt is “turned down” and displayed, the unique story of each quilt is told—who made it, when, where and for what reason. Other details of each quilt are also discussed: the fabrics, the stitching, and the pattern and its history.

Joyce Kellogg, volunteer at the Reddick Mansion and chairperson of this event, is hoping approximately 18-20 quilts will be displayed. “We are asking community members to offer their vintage quilts to be part of this event,” said Kellogg. “We are hoping for quilts from the 1800s and early 1900s. We would love to see the quilt that Grandma made and hear the family story about it.”

“We promise to handle these lovely family heirlooms properly,” said Diane Sanders, president of the Reddick Mansion Association. “White gloves will be worn during the “turn down” and Lorraine McCallister will tell the story of each quilt with the respect and honor it deserves.”

Forms for general information about the individual quilts are available at the Reddick Mansion. The Mansion Association would like the form completed and returned by July 1st. The actual quilts should be delivered to the Mansion on Friday, July 15th. Kellogg can be contacted at 815-252-5317 with specific questions or for more information.

The Vintage Quilt Turn Downs will be at 10am and 2pm on both Saturday and Sunday, July 16th and 17th, in conjunction with the Illinois Valley Quilters Guild 2016 Quilt Show (at Festivities Unlimited that same weekend). After the quilt presentation at the Mansion, refreshments will be served. Cost is \$5.00 per person and all money raised will be used for the maintenance and restoration of the Reddick Mansion.

Photo: Lorraine McCallister, Darlene Halm, and Joyce Kellogg display a quilt made by Estelle Claude in the early 1900s. Claude, was the grandmother of Willard Kellogg, Joyce’s husband. This quilt, its pattern a Jacob’s Ladder Variation, is registered with the state of Illinois as a historic quilt, and will be part of the Vintage Quilt Turn Down at the Reddick Mansion on July 16th and 17th.