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**THE AMERICAN QUILT STUDY GROUP: 2014 STUDY OF CIVIL WAR QUILTS TRAVELING EXHIBIT
NOW ON DISPLAY AT THE MUSEUM OF ALABAMA**

Montgomery, AL (03/19/18) – The Museum of Alabama, located inside the Alabama Department of Archives and History (ADAH), has debuted a new temporary exhibit, *The American Quilt Study Group: 2014 Study of Civil War Quilts*. The exhibit features twenty small-scale quilts made for the American Quilt Study Group's (AQSG) 2014 quilt study.

A flagship project of the AQSG, an organization dedicated to the history of quilt making, participants in the 2014 study crafted new quilts inspired by existing historic quilts made between 1850 and 1865. Through the project, quiltmakers learned about historic techniques, patterns, and traditions, while incorporating their own styles and perspectives. "The quilts on display in this exhibit provide a unique way for visitors to learn about quilt making of the past through those working in the craft today," said Ryan Blocker, textile curator at the ADAH. Studies of two Alabama quilts are featured in the exhibit, including the Archives' 1853 Mt. Ida wedding quilt.

The traveling exhibit is on display in the ADAH's Milo B. Howard Auditorium, located on the first floor, through May 2018. For additional information, call (334) 353-3312.

The AQSG is a non-profit quilt research organization with members in the U.S. and abroad whose focus is to preserve quilt heritage through various publications, an extensive research library, and outreach programs. Membership is comprised of traditional and contemporary quilt artists, quilt lovers, historians, researchers, collectors, dealers, folklorists, authors, museum curators, quilt appraisers, and students of women's studies. For more information about AQSG, visit www.americanquiltstudygroup.org.

The Museum of Alabama is located at the Alabama Department of Archives and History, the state's government records repository, special collections library and research facility, in downtown Montgomery across the street from the State Capitol. Regular hours of operation are Monday through Saturday, 8:30 to 4:30 and admission is always free. Parking is available in a free lot directly behind the Archives' building on Adams Avenue. For more information visit www.museum.alabama.gov or call 334-242-4364.

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