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### Fundraising event invites public to bring quilts for expert analysis

Discover the history of your own favorite quilt during quilt expert Carol Elmore's program, "Do You Know What You Have...In Quilts, That Is?" on Saturday, March 12, from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Neosho County Community College in Ottawa, Kansas. The program is made possible by the Franklin County Historical Society.

Carol Elmore is an AQS Certified Appraiser of Quilted Textiles and Appraisal Committee Member with thirty years of quilting experience. Elmore will open her program with a 30-minute lecture from 1-1:30 pm on dating quilts, quilt history and craftsmanship.

"Many of us are lucky enough to have inherited a family quilt, but we might not know much about its history. Or maybe we found a fun vintage quilt at a yard sale," said Diana Staresinic-Deane, manager of the Old Depot Museum. "This is a great opportunity to have that special quilt analyzed by a quilting textiles expert to learn more about its age, composition, and workmanship."

The program is open to the public and free to attend, but attendees who would like to have a quilt examined will be charged \$10 per quilt (limit: two quilts). **Because this is a public event, appraisals will not be offered during the program.** Part of the proceeds will support the Franklin County Historical Society.

"Do You Know What You Have...In Quilts, That Is?" is offered as part of the Old Depot Museum's newest exhibit, *Around The Block: Traditional Patterns in the Quilts of Vera Anderson*, which will be on display until March 26. The exhibit explores how traditional quilt patterns—some of which are more than two centuries old—are still used in modern quilts. For more information, please call (785) 242-1250.

Founded in 1937, the Franklin County Historical Society strives to preserve, present, and promote the history of Franklin County, Kansas.

The Old Depot Museum strives to educate visitors about the importance of trains in small towns and the history of Franklin County, Kansas. It is operated by the Franklin County Historical Society.

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