Donating Quilts & Other Items to the New England Quilt Museum
18 Shattuck Street
Lowell, MA 01852

The New England Quilt Museum welcomes inquiries about donations of quilts, quilt tops, and related textile and sewing items. **If you are interested in donating an item, we request that you first contact the Curator by mail or email (** curator@nequiltmuseum.org), with as much information as you have about the item that you wish to donate and photographs of it if possible. Please include your home address, telephone number, and email so that we may contact you.

Criteria:
Many aspects may be taken into consideration when deciding if an item is suitable for the Permanent Collection. Among them are:

- Where the item was made or used
- The item's historical significance
- A well-documented family history
- The item supports items already in the collection
- If a contemporary art quilt, its maker is a recognized artist
- The item's condition and conservation needs

Collection Committee:
If after receiving your inquiry we have interest in bringing the item before the Collection Committee for consideration, we will ask you to send it or bring it to the New England Quilt Museum. The Collection Committee meets twice a year to consider possible acquisitions. One of three actions may be taken: the item will be accepted into the Permanent Collection; the item will be accepted to be sold at auction to raise funds to support the conservation of items already in the Permanent Collection; or the item will be returned to the donor.

After the Committee meeting, the donor will be notified of its decision by telephone or email to confirm the donor's agreement with the Committee's decision. A letter of acceptance and Deed of Gift forms will then be sent to the donor. The donor may change his/her mind at any time prior to signing the Deed of Gift and the item will be returned. After the Deed of Gift is signed, witnessed, and returned to the Museum, the item becomes the property of the New England Quilt Museum.

After accession:
Once the Deed of Gift forms are signed and returned to the New England Quilt Museum, the item will be given an accession number, labeled, and stored in our Permanent Collection storage area. The item will be exhibited periodically or used for study purposes as determined by the Curatorial staff.

Acknowledgement of the gift will be made in the New England Quilt Museum newsletter and whenever the item is on display or its image is used in publications.

Your donation is tax deductible.

You can use the signed Deed of Gift as an acknowledgement of your donation to the New England Quilt Museum. The New England Quilt Museum does not provide appraisals, but can furnish you with a list of American Quilter's Society certified appraisers in your area. The IRS requires that you include Form 8283 (available from your accountant or the IRS) with your tax return if the total value of your contribution is more than $500. If the total value of your contribution is more than $5,000, you must have the items appraised by a qualified appraiser and attach a copy of the appraisal to your Form 8283.