



ROOTS OF STRENGTH

Lowell Women's Week Public Art Project 2008

Once again Lowell Women's Week included a public art Streetscape Exhibit inspired by this year's theme: "Women in Charge: Strengthening Our Lives, Our Communities and Our World."

As part of Women's Week 2008, we are inviting you to share with us your roots of strength and how you have witnessed women taking charge on a local level, in their homes and communities or on a national and global level.

This year, we are also inviting quilters to submit 12½" unfinished quilt squares featuring their favorite leaf and tree patterns. The squares may be pieced or appliquéd. On January 24, 2008, New England Quilt Museum staff and volunteers began to assemble blocks and packets with fabrics and a pattern for others to assemble a block on their own. NEQM staff and volunteers hope to accumulate 120 quilt squares to complete 10 lap size quilts. When completed, the quilts will be featured as a part of the *Community Quilting Exhibit* at the **2008 Lowell Quilt Festival**. Thereafter, the quilts will be donated to local organizations such as Project Linus, the Visiting Nurse Association and/or the Wish Project.

We have not yet reached our initial goal of 120 pieced or appliquéd 12½" unfinished blocks. Please send your blocks on or before May 1, 2008 in order that we meet our goal of completing 10 lap size quilts before July 15, 2008. Any blocks received after May 1 will also be used for lap quilts for this project.

Mail or bring your quilt blocks to New England Quilt Museum, (Attn: Rhonda Galpern)
18 Shattuck Street, Lowell, MA 01852