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## **20th Annual Lefferts Historic House Quilt Exhibit at Prospect Park “Turning Twenty!”**

**Weekends in November at the Lefferts Historic House**

*(Free admission for children, \$3 suggested admission for adults)*

**Weekends in December at the Audubon Center**

*(Free admission)*

**Brooklyn, NY** – Each fall, for the past twenty years, Lefferts Historic House has transitioned into winter by warming its walls with colorful quilts. To mark the 20th anniversary of the quilt show in Prospect Park, this year’s exhibit features quilts displayed in past shows as well as quilts that play on the theme of “Twenty!”

The exhibit will be open on Saturdays and Sundays in November at the Lefferts Historic House from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. During the month of November there will also be free quilting workshops on Saturdays and Sundays from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Lefferts Historic House. In December, the exhibit will move to the Prospect Park Audubon Center at the Boathouse and will be open on Saturdays and Sundays from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

There will be a special Reception and Raffle on Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at the Audubon Center from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Visitors will have a chance to meet the quilters, view the quilts, participate in a quilting workshop, and win one of two specialty 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary quilts that will be raffled off at the reception.

Quilts represent a tangible link between the past and the present and allow visitors to feel a connection to the people whose hands created them. The quilting tradition is kept alive through families, workshops, and groups that continue to bring people together.

This year, Lefferts Historic House commemorates this tradition with a “Turning Twenty!” theme. The title is taken from a quilting technique, but broadened to include quilts about the number twenty, quilts about the passage of time, and quilts that were shown in past exhibitions. Some quilts are radical, some traditional, some literal, and some philosophical. All are carefully crafted by quilters who share a respect for the past that mirrors the social and informal learning environment of our museum. This exhibition and its quilting workshops celebrate one of the many traditions and skills that continue to be passed on to new generations.

**Directions:** Lefferts Historic House is located at the Children's Corner, inside the Park's Willink Entrance, at the intersection of Flatbush Avenue and Empire Boulevard. **By train:** Q, S, or B run to Prospect Park Station. **By bus:** B16, B41, B43 and B48 will bring you close to The Children's Corner. For further information, call Lefferts Historic House at (718) 789-2822.

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