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# Arts Commission announces Nashville textile artist will create 2015 Governor's Arts Awards

(Indianapolis, Indiana) – The Indiana Arts Commission (IAC) announced today that Daren Pitts Redman, a textile artist from Nashville, Indiana, has been selected to create the 2015 Indiana Governor's Arts Awards.

"It is an extraordinary honor, both exciting and daunting, to be chosen to create the Governor's Art Awards," Redman said. "I will design quilted wall art that includes my hand-dyed cottons and wood from the Indiana Constitution Elm tree. It will be a square-in-a-square composition inspired by the Indiana Amish quilt-makers and will incorporate the radiant seasonal colors found in Indiana."

The 2015 Indiana Governor's Arts Awards, the 42<sup>nd</sup> such recognition of outstanding contributions in the arts, will have a special emphasis on the historical significance of the arts in Indiana. The awards program will be among the signature events endorsed by the Indiana Bicentennial Commission, and they will celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Indiana Arts Commission.

More than a dozen Hoosier visual artists submitted proposals through the open call for qualifications. Artists were asked to create awards that somehow incorporated a piece of wood from Indiana's Constitution Elm, which the Indiana Arts Commission acquired through Indiana State Museum and State Historic Sites.

"We are excited by the prospect of working with Daren on the creation of the 2015 Governor's Arts Awards," said Lewis C. Ricci, IAC Executive Director. "The Planning and Selection Committee agreed Daren's proposal offered a strong connection with Indiana's quilt-making tradition. It is interesting to note that this is also the first time a quilted wall art piece has been chosen for the awards."

Redman will create the award pieces which will be presented to the recipients of the 2015 Governor's Arts Awards at a special awards program to be held in April, 2016.

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Redman began dyeing cottons and silks in 2007 after attending an art workshop where she was inspired by the idea of making her own fabrics rather than buying those designed by someone else. She has previously been commissioned as the award artist by the Indianapolis Chamber Orchestra and the Bloomington Area Arts Council. She is also a designated Indiana Artisan.

Redman is an artist with Quilt National '15, and recently finished her Artist-in-Residency at the Grand Canyon National Park. She is also a member of Studio Art Quilts Associates, Inc.

The Indiana Arts Commission is dedicated to the vision of the arts everywhere, everyday, for everyone in Indiana.

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