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## News From RMQM

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### from the board of directors

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Dear Friends of the Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum ,

The Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum has enjoyed many successes despite the economic challenges presented by the past two years. The recent men's exhibit, *Wranglers Among Us* , featured many quilters who were new to this popular biennial show. In December, the museum accepted a donation of sixty-eight beautiful quilts from the Sharee and Murray Newman collection, many of which are on display through July 31. Our first ever art quilt challenge, *Evolutions* , opens on August 3. Sadly, though, the museum has seen drop-offs in membership, attendance, and sales in QuiltMarket, as well as a fifty percent reduction in funding from one of its major governmental grantors. To be honest, however, the economic downturn is not the only thing that has affected the museum's finances. Certain decisions were made, which, in turn, made the situation worse. Since then, major, fiscally responsible changes have been instituted and we continue to work very hard to make things right.

This past May, the board and the executive director mutually agreed to vacate the director position. Since that time, Carol Born, president of the board, volunteers full time as the acting executive director. Karen Roxburgh , the collections and exhibits manager, donates her time in lieu of salary. Some former and current board members have asked some of you to make a financial donation to the museum. One person Carol contacted said, "Thank you for asking for my help, rather than calling to tell me the museum is closing." We hope you feel the same way, because your financial support is needed now more than ever to assure the museum's future.

This e-mail is being sent to more than 1000 people on the museum's contact list. Some of you already know about our urgent need for cash and have made generous contributions – thank you! Our goal is to raise \$71,000 to get us completely out of debt. Obviously, larger donations will get us there faster, but any amount would be greatly appreciated. Becoming a member of the museum or renewing a lapsed membership also adds to the cash flow.

Again, it's stating the obvious, but upgrading to a higher level of membership gets us to our goal faster than joining at the Individual level. Lifetime memberships, at a one-time cost of \$5000, are also available.

While you can make a donation or become a member of the museum via our website, a processing fee is deducted from each transaction and the museum does not actually receive the full amount you intended. The preferred method of donation is a check mailed to the museum's administrative offices at 910 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 300 , Golden , CO 80401 .

With sincere thanks,

RMQM Board of Directors

Carol Born  
Steve Bowley  
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