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Connie Nordstrom to Tell Story of Northern New Mexico Through Quilts

CORTEZ, CO (July 1, 2011)—On July 8, quilt historian Connie Nordstrom of Farmington, NM, will present “. . . And She Made Quilts: The Women of San Juan County, NM, Their Stories and Quilts 1890–1950” as part of the Four Corners Lecture Series. The presentation will begin at 7:00 p.m. at the Crow Canyon Archaeological Center and is free and open to the public.

Nordstrom will speak about the women who traveled to San Juan County, NM, during the homesteading years and Depression era. The Four Corners area was isolated, separated from all the population centers of the Southwest by distance and difficult terrain. The women who traveled to the area survived not only a long and brutal journey, but also a challenging life in the years to come. These determined women made do, joined forces, formed groups, served their communities, raised families, farmed, canned and were often widowed. An amazing connecting thread they shared was that they all found time to make quilts—for warmth and for beauty. These quilts are the messengers of their stories.

Connie Nordstrom is a long-time Four Corners area resident and a locally and nationally known quiltmaker, lecturer, writer and quilt historian. She is a member of the American Quilt Study Group and has had an article published in their journal, “Uncoverings.” Her most recent book is “. . . And She Made Quilts, the Story of the Remarkable and Resilient Women of New Mexico’s San Luis Valley 1890-1950.”

Organized by a consortium of area organizations, the Four Corners Lecturer Series features presentations by guest speakers from around the Southwest. This year’s theme is “Gifts from the Ancestors.” All lectures are free. The location of the lectures rotates among the sponsoring organizations.

This year’s sponsors are the Anasazi Heritage Center, ARAMARK, the Bureau of Land Management, the Colorado Archaeological Society – Hisatsinom Chapter, the Cortez Cultural Center, Crow Canyon Archaeological Center, KSJD, Mesa Verde National Park, the Mesa Verde Institute, the Mesa Verde Museum Association, and the Office of the President and Department of Anthropology – Fort Lewis College.

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