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**Alzheimer exhibit to highlight Best of the Valley Quilt Show
held April 18-20**

TULARE, Calif.— The 13th annual Best of the Valley Quilt and Wearable Art Show will open its doors to the public, April 18-20, 2008 at the International Agri-Center's Heritage Complex in Tulare, Calif. The event will feature a special nationwide quilt exhibit, "Alzheimer's: Forgetting Piece By Piece."

The nationwide quilt exhibit called "Alzheimer's: Forgetting Piece By Piece" contains 52 quilts each interpreting Alzheimer's in some way. More than 180,000 people have had the opportunity to see the exhibit since its premier in August 2006 in Nashville. More than half a million people are anticipated to see the exhibit during its travels across the US through October 2010.

The work of 54 quilt artists from 30 states, plus one artist from New Zealand is represented in the exhibit. The artists, many internationally renowned, offer poignant interpretations of the Alzheimer's experience in fiber. Themes include imaginings of an existence stripped of memory and learning; gritty illustrations of the anger, frustration, and stress of care-giving; beautiful tributes to loved ones taken by Alzheimer's; and the anticipation of a future cure. They are quilts of heartbreak and hope. Each artist statement is paired with a fact about Alzheimer's.

A computer CD with photographs of all the quilts in the exhibit narrated by the artists and a 112-page full color book called *Alzheimer's: Forgetting Piece by Piece* are available for sale at all venues and at www.AlzQuilts.org. All profit from the sale of the CD and book is donated to Alzheimer's research.

For more information on the Best of the Valley Quilt and Wearable Art Show, please visit www.antiquefarmshow.org, email antique@farmshow.org or call (800) 999-9186.

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