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Ben Hollingsworth Scheduled to Speak at the Alpharetta Historical Society

May 21, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. at the Mansell House

The Alpharetta Historical Society (AHS) is a non-profit 501(c) (3) organization governed by the State of Georgia. It operates under a Board of Trustees consisting of elected trustees, officers, and standing committee chairpersons.

In 2009, the general membership meetings are usually held on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Mansell House on Old Milton Parkway. May's speaker is Ben Hollingsworth and the topic of his presentation is a ***Brief History of Quilting***. Ben will show numerous quilts and a few photos of quilts from Early Colonial times to contemporary Art Quilts. Ben will also have with him an old Singer Treadle sewing machine that has completely been restored, a Singer Featherweight electric sewing machine (c1950) and a child's hand-cranked machine from the 60s.

Ben Hollingsworth is a retired art teacher, most recently from Fulton County at Haynes Bridge Middle School and Chattahoochee High School. He grew up in Jackson, Mississippi, but has been a resident of North Fulton since 1973. After retiring in 2006, Ben joined the Chattahoochee Evening Stars Quilt Guild in Alpharetta. He made his first quilt the next year for his grandson. Last year he made 12 quilts. Ben spends an average of eight hours per day quilting or planning a quilt design. He and his wife Jackie entered the CES Quilt Show in September 2008 and he won first place in the Mixed Techniques category; and, he and his wife won first in the Group Quilt category.

Please join us for lots of history, fun, and fellowship. If you are not a member of the AHS, you are welcome to attend our general meetings. If you like our organization, we invite you to join us and become a member.

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Alpharetta Historical Society

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