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### **THE APRON LADY DOES DALLAS**

Wearing her signature pearls and Smoochie apron, EllynAnne Geisel a/k/a the Apron Lady greeted the Dallas press February 8 at The Women's Museum: An Institute for the Future and the national debut touring site of her traveling exhibit, Apron Chronicles: A Patchwork of American Recollections.

“Back in 1999, when I dreamt up this exhibit, I was happy just driving it around in the back of my van, sharing it with ladies' organizations,” said EllynAnne Geisel, the writer and apron curator of the 200+ aprons in the exhibit. “So to have Apron Chronicles displayed in an institute of this quality is beyond anything I imagined.”

A Smithsonian affiliate, The Women's Museum is the nation's only comprehensive women's history museum that chronicles the lives of American women through interactive exhibits.

Wanda Brice, CEO of The Women's Museum, noted Apron Chronicles is “...truly a quilt of American stories, and (we hope) it will not only intrigue but also inspire our visitors to reflect on their own stories.” To accommodate visitors' sharing their own apron memories, note cards and pencils are provided; once completed, the cards can be clothespinned to a clothesline set up within the exhibition space.

Apron Chronicles: A Patchwork of American Recollections is showing at The Women's Museum through May 14, 2006, after which it travels to the Pikes Peak Center, Colorado Springs, CO (June 2006), and the Jackson Hole, WY Center for the Arts (Nov-Jan 2007).

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For additional information and interviews with EllynAnne, or if you're just interested in tying one on (an apron, that is!), please contact her at 719.545.5704 or email [ellynanne@apronmemories.com](mailto:ellynanne@apronmemories.com)

Briefly Bio: EllynAnne Geisel is the writer and apron curator of APRON CHRONICLES: A Patchwork of American Recollections, a traveling exhibit of photographic portraits, 200 vintage aprons and the stories of the people who wore them. She is a publisher writer and touring speaker with her platform program APRON MEMORIES, and the designer/owner of APRON MEMORIES®, her collection of vintage inspired goods. EllynAnne's forthcoming project THE APRON BOOK: MAKING, WEARING AND SHARING A BIT OF CLOTH AND COMFORT will be available fall 2006 by Andrews McMeel publishing. Contact [karenlark@mindspring.com](mailto:karenlark@mindspring.com) for information.

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