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**For Immediate Release  
Mosaic Textiles: In Search of the Hexagon**

Two exciting patchwork exhibitions **In Search of the Hexagon** will occur in venues in Normandy near Rouen, France opening on May 16, 2003

The first, an exhibition of historical patchwork pieces with the hexagon motif, will include examples from various countries of the Western world (France, United Kingdom, U.S., Netherlands, Sweden, Denmark, Switzerland, Australia, Norway) These "Mosaïques d'Etoffes" (fabric mosaics in English), to quote the historical term used to designate them in the past, in French speaking countries, date from the early 1800's to the 1930's and have never been gathered together by a museum in France or anywhere else in the world.

This exhibition will be presented in the superb Musée des Traditions et Arts Normands housed in the Chateau de Martainville.

The purpose of this exceptional gathering of historical pieces and its accompanying catalogue is to foster a better understanding of the evolution of techniques and styles in mosaic piecework in European countries but also in the western world. This exhibition is guest curated by noted French quilt scholar Janine Janniere, a member of the prestigious textile organization Centre International d'Etudes des Textiles Anciens (C.I.E.T.A). Ms. Janniere published an article on her research in The Magazine Antiques in December 1995.

At the same time in a nearby regional museum, le Musée Industriel de La Corderie Vallois, there will be an exhibition of contemporary hexagon quilts selected by France Patchwork (The French Quilt Guild). These textiles were chosen from a national contest organized on the hexagon pattern. It will be most interesting to view the current expressions of this historical motif which has inspired so many women in Great-Britain and the rest of the western world from the 18th century to the present.

The 2 exhibitions will be open from May 16- October 27 2003. Hours of visit:

**Musée des Traditions et Arts Normands au Chateau de Martainville:** everyday, except Tuesday from 10h-12h30 AM, and from 2PM-6PM (closed on Sunday morning).

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**Musée Industriel de la Corderie Vallois:** every day from 1h30PM to 6PM

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