



A Pattern of History What Quilts Reveal

Friday, July 26, 2024

Study Leader: **Alden O'Brien** received her BA in Art History from Barnard College and her Master's in Museum Studies in Costume & Textiles from the Fashion Institute of Technology in New York City. She joined the DAR Museum in 1990 as curator of costume and soon afterwards, the dolls and toys. In 2003, she took charge of the quilts and added the needlework in 2017. She has curated numerous exhibits on costume, toys, and quilts. *Sewn in America: Making—Meaning—Memory* is her first exhibition to combine all areas of clothing and textiles. She lectures frequently on topics relating to clothing, quilts, and women's history. Alden sews, but does not quilt, preferring to admire the work of women of the past, and do the research to illuminate the lives and minds of these artists.

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- 8:30 a.m. Departure from the Mayflower Hotel
- 8:45 a.m. **DAR Museum**
Guided tour of the study gallery with DAR staff and Sewn in America: Making, Meaning, Memory with your study leader
- 10:15 a.m. Depart

Enjoy a Splendid Fare Boxed Lunch en route
Menu: *Grilled Chicken Breast with Mesclun, Tomato & Herbed Mayo on Multigrain Bread. Assorted Fruit Salad, French Herb Potato Salad & Brownie or Cookie. Bottled Water.*
- 12:30 p.m. **Virginia Quilt Museum**
Hands-on presentation focused on quilts in museum's collection and time to visit exhibitions
- 2:30 p.m. Depart
- 3:15 p.m. **Frontier Culture Museum**
Visit the 1820s and 1850s houses for a look at spinning and quilting practices

Free time for exploration
- 5:00 p.m. Depart for Washington

Rest stop to purchase a meal
- 8:00 p.m. Arrival at the Mayflower Hotel

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