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Milwaukie, Oregon Resident Wins \$2,500 in Jo-Ann Quilt Contest

HUDSON, **Ohio** (**May 26, 2011**) – Jo-Ann Fabric and Craft Stores, the leading fabric and craft specialty retailer in America, is pleased to announce the winner of the 2010 <u>Quilt Your Colors</u> quilt contest. Congratulations to Janet Fogg of Milwaukie, Ore., who created the winning quilt. Fogg received a \$2,500 check and various other prizes during an awards presentation earlier this month at the Jo-Ann store in Tigard.

"Janet's quilt stood out among the more than 1,300 entries submitted for the exceptional quality of her workmanship and her unique creativity. Her interpretation of a New York City skyline was amazing," noted Michelle Christensen, vice president, general merchandise manager, for Jo-Ann Fabric and Craft Stores.

In August, Jo-Ann challenged quilters to create an award-winning quilt for the chance to win \$2,500 cash and a selection of sewing supplies. The quilts were judged in three rounds by quilting experts, including artist and designer, Susan Winget. The quilts created by entrants were evaluated based on workmanship, skill level, originality and level of detail.

Jo-Ann hosts the competition yearly to reward quilters and inspire both expert and novice sewers to express their creativity. "The beautiful level of detail shown in so many of the entries was remarkable. All of the participants should be very proud of the quilts they created," Christensen stated.

Second Place honors went to Cinda Tollefson of Phillips, Wis., who received \$1,000 cash and additional prizes. The Third Place winner was Lea Hardee of Tetonia, Idaho, who received \$500 cash and additional prizes. The Runner-up Finalists in the competition were:

Trudy Lindsay – Auburn, Wash. Elena Marin – Oxford, N.Y. Elizabeth Sylvan – Florence, Mass. Ina Nenortas – Boston, Mass. Michael Kashey – Edinboro, Pa. Melanie Wilson – La Verkin, Utah Nancy Rowland – Palmer, Alaska

To see all of the entries, visit www.joann.com/quilt. And, watch for details in stores and online on how to enter this year's Quilt Your Colors quilt contest beginning August 28, 2011.

About Jo-Ann Stores. Inc.

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