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Award winning quilt exhibit set to showcase the best from around Australia

Visitors to this year's Melbourne Craft & Quilt Fair, July 23 – 26, 2009 are set to be inspired by an award-winning collection of quilts showcasing the best in Australian quilting. The *Best of Australia Quilts* exhibit features eight quilts from talented quilters who have all won 'Best of Show' in their respective 2008 State Guild Show. Victoria is represented by Croydon North local, Anthea Bradley, with her quilt *Birds and Roses* (pictured below right).

Each of the 8 quilts in the collection has a different style and uses different techniques, but all have one thing in common – an extremely high standard of design and workmanship, incorporating a variety of styles and techniques.

Anthea was surprised but delighted when her quilt was named Victoria's 'Best of Show'. "I couldn't believe, I was completely overwhelmed – I never expected I would win", said Anthea. Anthea found the inspiration for her quilt in the quilting book, *Birds and Roses* by Margaret Docherty and in particular wanted to incorporate the use of roses in her quilt. It took her over nine months to create the quilt, from the initial design and concept to completing the quilt. Anthea utilised a variety of techniques in the quilt including appliqué, while embroidery and embellishment gave the birds and flowers a 3D look almost bringing them alive.

Anthea has been quilting for 15 years and specialises in appliqué, she has exhibited in the Craft & Quilt Fairs in the past.

The *Best of Australia Quilts* exhibition will continue on a nationwide tour throughout 2009, travelling exclusively with the Craft & Quilt Fairs.



Where & When: Craft & Quilt Fair
Melbourne Exhibition Centre, Southbank
July 23 - 26 2009

Open: 9.00am – 5.00pm Thursday, Friday and Sunday
9.00am – 8.00pm Saturday

Tickets: Adults: \$16, Seniors/Pensioners: \$15, Children (5-16yrs): \$8, Children (under 5yrs): FREE, Family (2A + 2C): \$39.
Groups: Tickets available at the door or online at <http://www.craftfair.com.au>
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