



Welcome to Knoxville!

It's my pleasure to welcome you to Knoxville for the 2009 American Quilter's Society's International Convention.

This is an event that we have been looking forward to hosting and we're so pleased that you're spending time with us in Knoxville.

I hope that you, your friends, and your families have a wonderful time taking part in the many activities this convention offers for the quilting enthusiast.

But I also hope that you take the opportunity to explore some of the unique historical and cultural sites in Knoxville and the surrounding area.

We have a lovely downtown stretching from Tennessee River, where Knoxville was born in 1791, to Market Square and the Old City and I think that you'll enjoy exploring it.

I think you'll find some great dining, entertainment and shopping opportunities in addition to attractions like Blount Mansion, the oldest frame house west of the Appalachians; The Women's Basketball Hall of Fame; the observation deck of the Sunsphere and the Museum of East Tennessee History.

If you want to stretch your legs a bit there are nearby attractions like Ijams Nature Center and the Knoxville Zoo. Also nearby is the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, one of the most beautiful parks in America.

Thank you again for visiting Knoxville and we hope you come back soon.

Sincerely,

Bill Haslam

