

## **Goshen College Quilt Mural Tour**

Full Circle...around the world...

### **Quilt Mural**

The Goshen College 2010 Quilt Mural Tour will be a treat for the eyes, ears and heart, beginning with the original art of the quilt mural on the Newcomer Center. Guests will learn about the original quilt and how it embodies the history and values of Goshen College.

The quilt was a wedding gift created by friends and family for Lina Zook and J.A. Ressler in Ohio in 1903. Lina Zook was a faculty member during the school's early years as the Elkhart Institute. The year the quilt was made, 1903, was also the year the institute moved to Goshen and was reborn as Goshen College. Lina and J.A. Ressler became the first Mennonite missionaries to India, just as Goshen College would later become one of the first colleges in the nation to make international education central to its curriculum.

### **Library Exhibit**

#### **Grandmother's Flower Garden: Floral Design in Mennonite and Amish Quilts**

Antique and contemporary quilts by Mennonite and Amish makers, using both geometric and naturalistic flower motifs. The exhibit is a tribute to the traditional design known as "Grandmother's Flower Garden" that has become one of the most popular patterns in the history of American quilt-making. Quilts will come from the collections of the Mennonite Historical Library and individual owners and makers. The exhibit supports the summer Quilt Gardens tour sponsored by the Elkhart County Convention and Visitors Bureau. After Memorial Day, the 1903 crazy patch friendship quilt represented by the Goshen College Quilt mural on Newcomer Center will also be on display. Rebecca Haarer, curator. Mennonite-Amish Museum Committee, sponsor. Opening Public Reception Sunday, March 28, 2010 from 2-4pm

### **Music Center**

A short walk will bring guests to the beautiful Music Center. This 68,000-square-foot building has received numerous architectural accolades and awards. Guests will visit the Rieth Recital Hall, featuring the sumptuous Taylor & Boody pipe organ, the first since the 18th century specially designed for and tuned using Johann Sebastian Bach's original tuning method, which was rediscovered in 2004 by a Goshen College alumnus.

Guests will visit the Music Center's art gallery and music spaces. No tour would be complete without a short performance by Goshen College music students in the 1,000-seat Sauder Concert Hall, where the amazing acoustics place this small-town concert hall among the best in the world – with better reverberation even than the Kennedy Center in Washington D.C. or Carnegie Hall in New York City.