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Overly's Country Christmas® Heirloom Quilt to Be Featured in Book

Mt. Pleasant, PA – Overly's Country Christmas, an impressive light display at the Westmoreland Fairgrounds, is an annual tradition that celebrates the season and works to make the holidays brighter for those in need. The exhibit includes over 2.1 million lights and a walk-through Christmas Village full of old-fashioned traditions and treats.

For a unique fundraiser to benefit the Overly's Country Christmas HS Model Train Fund, Overly's turned to local artists Greg Kuhar and Jim Mikula to create a one-of-a-kind quilt to be raffled off at the end of the 2009 season.

Kuhar, a visual arts and technical theatre teacher in the Mount Lebanon School District, was responsible for the design, and Mikula, a retired teacher from the Greater Latrobe School District and nationally celebrated quilter, handcrafted the piece entitled "In Christmas Village." Both are long-time Overly's volunteers who have used their artistic talents to enhance the decorations of this popular holiday display, which is currently in its 53rd season.

Mikula will be featured in a new book by Joe Cunningham (a San Francisco-based quilting expert and musician) that focuses on five prominent male quilters in the United States. The "In Christmas Village" quilt will be included in the publication, which is scheduled to be released in the summer of 2010.

Tickets for the "In Christmas Village" quilt can be purchased for \$5 at the C. Edgar & Sons General Store at Overly's Country Christmas. Only 1,000 tickets will be sold.

For information about Overly's Country Christmas or the "In Christmas Village" quilt raffle, visit www.overlys.com or call 724-423-1400. And to learn more about author Joe Cunningham, visit www.joethequilter.com.

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