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City Hall celebrates Black History Month with quilt display in the rotunda

To commemorate Black History Month, quilt banners by local master quilters **Ethel White** and **Dianne Pratt** are now on display in the rotunda of City Hall through the end of February.

Ethel White's collection has been featured inside City Hall during Black History Month for many years and features more than 200 thought-provoking quilts that depict African and African-American history and culture.

This year's collection was also made in partnership with Dianne Pratt, Alderwoman Andrea M. Pratt's mother. Dianne Pratt has lived in Milwaukee since the age of three and is the former First Lady of Milwaukee and wife of former Alderman, Common Council President, and Mayor Marvin Pratt. She also served for decades as a librarian for the Milwaukee Public Library and Milwaukee Public Schools. Her efforts to engage children in arts and crafts and her role as a storyteller have been an important part of her service in the community and her journey as a master quilter. Also featured are quilts by **Gloria World** and **Betty Nevels**, members of the Jasper Wade Quilting Group based at Historic Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church.

The African American Council members would encourage anyone to come see the display as they believe, "Art has the power to tell us a story in a way that words cannot. It is important for us to recognize the struggles and achievements of this community, especially during Black History Month," they said.