

## **Quilted In Clay jewelry now offered in the HMDC Gift Shop**

Just in time for Easter and Mother's Day, the Highlands Museum & Discovery Center is now offering Quilted In Clay jewelry in the Gift Shop. Inspired by classic quilting blocks, you'll find artful creations made by hand into earrings and brooches. There are many patterns available including Log Cabin, Trip Around the World, and Ohio Star.

Each piece is created from polymer clay using caning techniques with custom color mixes.

Polymer clay is a pliable, easy-to-blend polymer compound for artists and crafters. It's not truly clay, but rather fine particles of polyvinyl chloride (PVC) suspended in plasticizer that's extremely versatile. Firing it in an oven fuses the particles into a solid, and then it can be finished in a variety of ways. That means each design is always one-of-a-kind.

In partnership with schools and community, the museum attracts and educates both youth and adults from around the Tri-State and across the nation. It preserves history and provides an integral contribution to the region's quality of life. The museum attracts more than 25,000 visitors each year, and more than 10,000 children attend special activities – workshops, camps, exhibits, events.