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MISSOURI EASTER EGG ON DISPLAY AT WHITE HOUSE

“A mosaic egg, it may be a first for the White House Easter Eggs! It is truly elegant, and amazes me with the delicate strength of the design.” These were the comments of Jo Manhart of The Missouri Egg Council, upon receiving the egg which currently represents Missouri in the White House’s 2005 State Easter Egg Display.

Manhart, “The Egg Lady of Missouri,” promotes the use and consumption of eggs within the Show-Me State. She also holds the honor and responsibility of choosing an artist, once a year, to decorate a Missouri Easter Egg for the annual White House display, coordinated by the American Egg Board.

This year’s commission went to Mosaic Artist Sherri Lindsay, whose work has appeared in national magazines and the 2004 book [400 Wood Boxes: The Fine Art of Containment and Concealment](#). Her creation of a limited edition mosaic keepsake box for Oscar nominees at the 2004 Academy Awards shone a media spotlight from Pittsburg, KS to London, England, on her company, Quiltblox.

The mosaic works are constructed of tiny bits of painted eggshell. Normally, the pieces are applied to a wood surface – a keepsake box or wearable pin. Her first mosaic applied to an egg was a challenge to the artist. “I had to be more careful with an egg than with a wood box, but more nerve-racking was shipping it to Jo. I was so relieved to know it had arrived safely!” said Lindsay.

Manhart and Lindsay collaborated on the egg’s design which includes a Western Bluebird and Dogwood branch – the Missouri State Bird and State Tree. A tan banner reads “Missouri” and mahogany-colored bits of eggshell cover the rest of the egg.

A White House tradition since 1994, the State Easter Egg Display includes one egg from each state, as well as the District of Columbia. It will be in the in The Visitor Center through April 4th. The entire display may also be viewed online soon, through a link at Artist Sherri Lindsay’s website, www.quiltblox.com.

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