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Folklife Museum Showcases Barns and Landmarks Exhibit Through July

FARRAGUT, TN – The Farragut Folklife Museum is hosting two special exhibits now through July 31, 2009: the “Barns, Yarns and Landmarks Exhibit” and the “Coward Mill Exhibit.”

As late as the early seventies, the Concord-Farragut area was a sprawling rural community dotted with beautiful farmlands. During that time, the late Roger A. Isbell observed this area’s changing landscape with the addition of subdivisions and shopping centers and therefore began taking photographs of every barn and landmark in the community. Isbell’s photographs of the Old Concord community have been coupled with information from long-time Folklife Museum volunteer Gene M. Abel and the late Frances Abel’s book, “Concord Where Time Stood Still,” to create the unique “Barns, Yarns and Landmarks Exhibit.” In addition, this exhibit features photographs of barns and landmarks donated by local families as well as coverlets and handmade woven articles made by area craftspeople and the implements used to create them.

The Folklife Museum is also featuring the “Coward Mill Exhibit,” which highlights Carol Stultz’s photographs of Coward Mill, a historic two-lane arched bridge over Beaver Creek in west Knox County. Stultz made Knoxville her home after coming to East Tennessee forty years ago to attend the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, and became fascinated with the history of the Coward Mill and the surrounding area.

The Farragut Folklife Museum is committed to preserving the heritage of its East Tennessee community and features a remarkable collection of artifacts from the area, including an extensive collection of the personal belongings of Admiral David Glasgow Farragut, first Admiral of the U.S. Navy and hero of the Civil War. Housed in the Farragut Town Hall located at 11408 Municipal Center Drive, the Museum is open Monday through Friday from

10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and offers free admission. For more information about the Museum or these special exhibits, please call Museum Coordinator Julia Jones at 966-7057 or visit www.townoffarragut.org.

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