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AUTHOR ELAINE EFF VISITS JARRETTSVILLE LIBRARY TO DISCUSS BOOK ON PAINTED SCREENS OF BALTIMORE

(Belcamp, Maryland – March 18, 2015) Author and folklorist Elaine Eff visited the Jarrettsville Library on Sunday, March 8th to discuss her book, *The Painted Screens of Baltimore: An Urban Folk Art Revealed*.

Eff, who founded the Painted Screen Society of Baltimore in 1985, talked about the efforts of the organization to preserve the painted screen art form. "The goal is to get it back into the hands of the people who live in Baltimore. ... These are beautiful, one-off Baltimore pieces of art," Eff said of the screens, several of which she had brought along to display.

Over 120 visitors attended the event, where Eff talked about the individuals and families instrumental to the rise of the folk art in Baltimore. Some members of the well-known Oktavec family even sat in the audience, contributing their historical and personal perspective at times during the discussion.

Library customers can reserve Eff's book by visiting hcplonline.org. More information about the Painted Screen Society of Baltimore can be found at paintedscreens.org.

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Photo caption #1: Author and folklorist Elaine Eff discussed and signed copies of her book, The Painted Screens of Baltimore: An Urban Folk Art Revealed, Sunday, March 8th at the Jarrettsville Library.

Photo caption #2: A screen painted by a member of the Oktavec family is shown.

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