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TO THE EDITORS:

**Could fund drive save museum?**

Surprising and sad news appeared on the front page of the *Intell/New Era* on Nov. 19. Closing the Quilt and Textile Museum housed in the lovely building at 37 N. Market St. seems like something that should never be contemplated.

It is sad to those of us who enjoy quilting and textile arts, both by viewing the work of others and hands-on with my own work. I visit the museum as frequently as possible, especially when hosting out-of-town guests. A trip downtown with guests means viewing the Esprit quilts and the rotating exhibits of creative textiles, a visit to Central Market and lunch at a downtown restaurant.

The financial concerns are understandable to the board and Lancaster city. As I recall, donations are requested on site, but I am not aware of any fund drive to benefit the museum. My name is on every mailing list across the country, but not his one, if one exists.

I pray for a solution to the museum dilemma and for keeping the famous Esprit collection of quilts in Lancaster County

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