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**Sharon Tindall – Quilting Instructor, Master Quilter,
“Underground Railroad” Quilt Code Historian, and Lecturer
to Appear on “Beyond Just Talk with S. L. Young on WOL DC 1450 AM**

Arlington, VA – On Tuesday, July 28th at 11 a.m. EST, the guest on **“Beyond Just Talk with S. L. Young”** will be **Sharon Tindall** who is a quilting instructor, master quilter, “underground railroad” quilt code historian, and lecturer at the Morgan State University, along with being a presenter on this subject at the Indonesian Embassy, colleges, museums, and other organizations.

Ms. Tindall is a skilled seamstress, but didn’t utilize these skills for profit until hard times caused her to be creative to earn a steady income. While working several jobs to support her family, she was asked to create a quilt to replicate the types used during slave times for a black history month event. After researching the history, message types, and usage of quilts and its codes for the “underground railroad”, she knew that this information needed to be learned, documented, and shared for future generations.

After a chance meeting with a professional weaver, Ms. Tindall trained in processes used to weave codes into quilts. These experiences increased her desire to learn more about this mostly unknown process. Soon thereafter, she traveled to West Africa to study quilt making from descendants of freed slaves --- primarily from Liberia.

Ms. Tindall has spent countless hours to research and understand the American slave experiences related to the use of quilt codes as a directional system to navigate toward freedom. Her passion and efforts led to the creation of a popular exhibit “The Underground Railroad Quilt Codes: Fact of Fiction?” This display raised titillating questions about whether slaves used quilt codes to communicate hidden messages --- including navigational information which elicited interesting debates. Notwithstanding questions about historical accuracies, Ms. Tindall is committed to documenting and maintaining this history --- related to the use of textiles and storytelling to bolster escape routes on a dangerous journey slaves traveled toward the pursuit of freedom and happiness.

As an authority in this area, Ms. Tindall’s presentations are welcomed and sought around the world.

“Beyond Just Talk with S. L. Young’s” host is honored to have Ms. Sharon Tindall – a quilting instructor, master quilter, and someone who is on a personal quest to preserve a portion of the American slave experience by documenting the history related to the importance of quilts to communicate hidden codes used for the “underground railroad” – on the show.

About “Beyond Just Talk with S. L. Young” (facebook.com/beyondjusttalk)

“Beyond Just Talk with S. L. Young” is a 1-hour weekly show which addresses life and business topics from a solution-oriented perspective. “Beyond Just Talk” is a show for anyone who seeks positive, inspirational, and thought-provoking talk.

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