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ROCK HILL, S.C. – A quilt of brightly colored stars bordered by circus tents made by a Winthrop University staffer was one of only 25 quilts selected for an upcoming traveling exhibition called “In the American Tradition 2012.”

Teresa Justice hand quilted her entry with a variegated perle cotton using a kaleidoscope pattern. Called “Circus Stars,” the back of the quilt looks almost like embroidery.

“You can see rings in the pattern so it reminded me of the circus,” said Justice, who is director of sponsored programs and research. “It looks like it is in motion and everything in the circus is in motion.”

The Texas native enjoys attending Cirque du Soleil shows in nearby Charlotte, N.C. Her quilt debuts next week at the International Quilt Festival-Houston and will be part of a traveling exhibition for the next 18 months. The American Tradition exhibition features the very best in contemporary traditional-based quilting.

Justice has another quilt on display this weekend at the Baxter Hood Center at York Technical College in the York County Quilters Guild Quilt Show. Her quilt in that show earned the “best hand-quilted award.”