

# 2011 Voices From the Earth Quilt Raffle and Fund Raiser



**“Puzzle at Port Royal” Handmade Quilt to commemorate the contribution of the African American Troops in the Civil War sewn and donated by Ida Murphy 73” X 73”**

**Raffle Drawing April 16, 2011 7:00 pm  
Thomas Education Center 304-463-4561  
\$1 per chance —6 chances \$5**



## ***Voices of Freedom Series***

This quilt represents the struggle to establish a new kind of American society based on racial equality and social justice in Port Royal South Carolina from 1861-1865. West Virginia artist, Ida Murphy, uses the charm pattern to symbolize the conflicting interests in the journey for liberation of the Freedmen and women, the United States Colored Troops, and those who supported a radical reconstruction of the Southern aristocracy no longer based on privilege and race. The abstract impression of motion in the puzzle pieces represent the constant movement of military and civilian support. The thrust of the blades interlock in an optical playing field. The foreground shifts to the background. The battle front also had a back - the underside of the war is commemorated on the reverse side of the quilt.