



## American Quilter's Society Hosts 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration at Fall QuiltWeek in Paducah, KY

Paducah, KY June 25, 2019 – [American Quilter's Society](#) (AQS), the largest quilting membership organization in the world, is pleased to announce the third annual Fall AQS QuiltWeek Show in [Paducah, KY](#) from **September 11-14, 2019** at the [Schroeder Expo Center](#).

Fall QuiltWeek will offer a variety of programming, including special exhibitions, workshops by renowned instructors, contests and a Merchant Mall featuring the latest machines, fabrics and tools for quilters of every skill level. At this year's Fall AQS QuiltWeek quilts entered in the Quilt Contest will be vying for \$121,000 in cash prizes, including the \$20,000 Janome America Best of Show grand prize. AQS certified quilt appraisers will also be on site to appraise new and vintage quilts for insurance documentation, sale or donation purposes.

In addition to beloved QuiltWeek programming, Fall QuiltWeek will transform into a celebration to honor the American Quilter's Society's 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary. This spectacular anniversary celebration will be filled with special activities and a presentation of "the world's largest quilt cake" created by Carlo's Bakery. This quilt cake will be made and presented by Mauro Castano of Carlo's Bakery, featured on TLC's *Cake Boss*.

Mauro will also be judging the "quilt cake" design and coloring contest. Participants can find the entry information in the July issue of *American Quilter* magazine. The winner of the contest will receive a one-on-one lesson with Mauro at Carlo's Bakery in Hoboken, New Jersey. Mauro will be available for photos and autographs at AQS QuiltWeek following the "quilt cake" presentation. Janome America is the title sponsor of the quilt cake, along with: Quilt Seminars at Sea, Martelli Enterprises, Hobbs Bonded Fibers, WonderFil Specialty Thread, Famore Cutlery, Siesta Silver Jewelry and MicroSun Lamps.

"We are thrilled to not only be honoring the American Quilter's Society anniversary at Fall QuiltWeek but also celebrating the community that has supported both QuiltWeek and AQS through the years," said Meredith Schroeder, AQS President. "We look forward to welcoming everyone back to this world-renowned event in Paducah, where AQS was born."

Paducah, known as QuiltCity USA®, is the headquarters for the American Quilter's Society which hosts both a Spring and Fall QuiltWeek every year. Combined, both events have displayed more than 15,000 contest quilts and awarded more than 3.2 million dollars in cash awards to the Paducah contestants.

The Fall QuiltWeek Show in Paducah features a total of 12 exhibitions over four days, including:

- **AQS Best of Show Winners Through the Years**  
Images: <http://bit.ly/2UWcjSH>

This exhibition showcases previous Best of Show quilts from all AQS QuiltWeek Shows in Paducah, which are on loan from the National Quilt Museum's permanent collection.

- **SAQA: Metamorphosis**

Images: <https://bit.ly/2l0wYzx>

Metamorphosis generates transformative change in shape, nature or structure. Animals physically develop and change from birth to maturity. Concepts and ideas morph and change over time. Even the earth's landscape progresses through many geological and ecological stages. The pieces in this exhibition demonstrate the inevitability of physical, philosophical or personal change and the results of such transformations.

- **International Miniature Quilt Exchange**

Images: <https://bit.ly/2DfuTtP>

The QuiltShow.com sponsored a quilt exchange between quilters in the United States and internationally. The quilmakers were paired up to develop a friendship and to learn about each of their own quilting styles. Each team submitted two 18–24-inch quilts, 300 total, and 24 mini quilts were selected for this traveling exhibit.

- **The Prince Cherrywood Challenge**

Images: <https://bit.ly/2Avyu6F>

All the pieces in this collection are created with Cherrywood hand-dyed fabric with inspiration from Prince, the late musician from Minnesota (also home of Cherrywood). Because of the cohesive nature of the quilts, the exhibit makes a stunning visual impact.

- **Quilts of Valor: A 50 State Salute**

Images: <https://bit.ly/2H5cwwO>

The 50 State Salute exhibit features quilts made in patriotic designs, from the simple to the complex. Each quilt will be awarded by the Quilts of Valor Foundation to veterans and military members touched by war. These quilts are meant to inspire all levels of quilters and to showcase the many possibilities for expressing gratitude to our military through quilts. Quilts of Valor will be presented to veterans who have been touched by war at 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday in the Learning Center in the Dome Pavilion, and at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday in the Eisenhower Room in the Convention Center.

For a full list of exhibitions, visit <http://bit.ly/2ZeSIBQ>.

**To avoid lines, purchasing tickets in advance online is encouraged.** Visit the QuiltWeek [website](#) to purchase tickets. AQS members receive 20 percent off and anyone who places their order 30 days or more before the show receives 10 percent off. Group and discounted hotel room rates are available. To see a full list of all hotel accommodations, visit <https://bit.ly/2RTgglr>.

### **About the American Quilter's Society:**

In 1984, after recognizing the enthusiasm for quilting across the country, Meredith and Bill Schroeder formed the American Quilter's Society (AQS). Their goal was to develop a group that gave national recognition to quilters and their work and to set the standard for excellence in the quilting industry. Today, AQS is the largest quilting membership organization in the world, with over 70,000 members worldwide. 2019 marks the 35th anniversary of the AQS QuiltWeek Show which began in Paducah, KY, known as Quilt City USA® and has since expanded to six shows

annually. AQS QuiltWeek 2019 includes six events in cities across the country and kicks off with a four-day event in Daytona Beach. Each show includes a variety of programming, including special exhibitions, workshops by renowned instructors, contests and a Merchant Mall with the latest machines, fabrics and tools for quilters of every skill level. For more information about the American Quilter's Society, please visit <http://www.americanquilter.com> or call [270-898-7903](tel:270-898-7903).

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