



American Quilter's Society Kicks off 35th Annual QuiltWeek Show in Daytona Beach

Daytona Beach, Fla., February 7, 2019 – [American Quilter's Society](#) (AQS), the largest quilting membership organization in the world, is pleased to announce the return of the AQS QuiltWeek show to Daytona Beach from **February 27 – March 2, 2019** at the [Ocean Center](#).

AQS QuiltWeek 2019 includes six events across the country, beginning 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.

In addition to more than 500 quilts on display, \$54,000 in prizes will be awarded during the AQS QuiltWeek show in Daytona Beach. AQS Certified Quilt Appraisers will also be on hand to appraise new and vintage quilts for insurance documentation, sale or donation purposes.

At each AQS QuiltWeek event, AQS partners with a local charity. At the Daytona Beach QuiltWeek Show, AQS, the Racing Fingers Quilt Guild and the quilters attending the show will be making "fidget quilts" for Alzheimer's patients. A fidget quilt is a quilt with extra zippers, buttons and textures designed to keep the hands and fingers busy.

"More than 15,000 people will meet in sunny Daytona Beach to enjoy four days of the best in quilt and textile artistry that the country has to offer," said Bonnie Browning, AQS Executive Show Director. "We look forward to welcoming quilters from every generation and skill level, from novices to seasoned professionals."

The Daytona Beach QuiltWeek show features a total of 12 exhibitions over five days, including:

- ***Retrospective Quilts of Margaret Solomon Gunn***

Images: <https://bit.ly/2TzFjA7>

A seamstress and casual quilter for 35 years, Margaret Solomon Gunn quit her engineering profession and bought a longarm quilting machine nine years ago. Two dozen competitive quilts later, Gunn's exacting tendencies and competitive nature make her a natural for creating unique ribbon-winning quilts. All but two quilts feature her preferred medallion-style layout as well as her trademark technique of combining silks and cottons. Quilts in this retrospective exhibit show Gunn's progression as a quilter.

- ***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 quiltmakers and to showcase the many possibilities for expressing gratitude to our military through quilts.

- ***Singular Stars: Lone Star Quilts from Judy Martin***

Images: <https://bit.ly/2Ra8yb5>

This exhibit features groundbreaking depictions of the famous lone star quilt patterns from Judy Martin’s most recent book, “Singular Stars.” Here, *Martin* explores strip-pieced lone stars, taking them in new directions with the addition of undulating curves, gradations of color, starburst elements, satellite stars, strip-pieced diamond borders and other design elements.

- ***New Quilts from an Old Favorite: Bow Tie***

Images: <https://bit.ly/2C4Pa4H>

Through its annual New Quilts from an Old Favorite contest, the National Quilt Museum challenges quiltmakers to create an innovative design based on a traditional quilt block. The 2018 quilt block was the popular bow tie pattern. This exhibit features the top 18 quilts from the contest, ranging from pictorial, landscape, pieced and modern-style quilts to quilts with miters and circular shapes, as well as quilts that use the color wheel for inspiration.

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

To avoid lines, purchasing tickets in advance online is encouraged. Visit www.quiltweek.com 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/2C5euYu>.

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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