



American Quilter's Society Hosts 35th Annual Spring QuiltWeek Show in Paducah, KY

Paducah, KY February 27, 2019 – [American Quilter's Society](#) (AQS), the largest quilting membership organization in the world, is pleased to announce the return of the QuiltWeek Show to [Paducah, Ky](#) from **April 24-27, 2019** at the [Schroeder Expo Center](#).

For the last 35 years Paducah has hosted Spring AQS QuiltWeek which has displayed more than 14,000 contest quilts and awarded more than 3.2 million dollars in cash awards to the Paducah contestants. The Spring QuiltWeek Show was so successful that the American Quilter's Society launched a second show in Paducah, which is held in the fall. Known as Quilt City USA, Paducah serves as an incubator for the fiber arts community and is the headquarters for the American Quilter's Society and The National Quilt Museum. This year marks their 5th anniversary as a UNESCO Creative City of Crafts & Folk Art, one of only two in the country.

"The QuiltWeek Show extends beyond the walls of the Expo Center with quilt-related community events throughout the city. Selected quilts will be on display at The National Quilt Museum, the Yeiser Art Center, the Art Guild of Paducah and the Paducah School of Art and Design," said Bonnie Browning, AQS Executive Show Director. "We look forward to welcoming everyone back to this world-renowned event in the creative community that started it all.

AQS QuiltWeek 2019 includes six events across the U.S. Each AQS QuiltWeek Show offers 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.

In addition to more than 670 quilts on display, \$126,000 in prizes will be awarded during the Spring AQS QuiltWeek show in Paducah 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.

At each QuiltWeek Show, American Quilter's Society partners with a local charity. This spring in Paducah, AQS and Merryman House will team up to host the "PaDucky Derby." QuiltWeek guests can rent ducks to race in the derby which will help to raise money for the Merryman House Domestic Crisis Center, an organization dedicated to changing the lives of those affected by domestic violence in the Kentucky area.

The Spring QuiltWeek Show Paducah features a total of 11 exhibitions over four days, including:

- **35 Years of AQS Anniversary Showcase Preview**
Images: <https://bit.ly/2DjcGLY>

This exhibition will showcase 15 of the previous Best of Show winning quilts at AQS QuiltWeek Shows, which are on loan from the permanent National Quilt Museum collection. In addition, this exhibit will also include a collection of AQS show pins, a t-shirt quilt by Molinda Lauxmiller featuring shirts from previous AQS QuiltWeek shows and other American Quilter's Society memorabilia from the past 35 years.

- ***Ordinary Quilts, Extraordinary Quilting by Judi Madsen***

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

This exhibit features the quilting artistry of Judi Madsen, a quilt pattern designer and “custom quilter”. Madsen loves taking “normal” quilts and playing with the background to create beautiful and unique quilting designs. With each quilt you can see how much time and energy goes into the quilting, even with the simplest piecing designs. This exhibit showcases her transformation from free-motion quilting to ruler work quilting.

- ***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.

- ***14th Quilt Nihon Exhibition***

Images: <https://bit.ly/2TKf45A>

For 25 Years, the Quilt Nihon Exhibition in Japan is one of the most recognized international quilt contests. It is organized by Japan Handicraft Instructors' Association, the largest organization of handcraft instructors in Japan. There are two categories in the exhibition: innovative traditional quilt and contemporary quilt. There were 256 entries from 11 countries and 82 award-winning quilts were selected for a traveling exhibition in Japan and overseas.

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

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/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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