



## **FACT SHEET**

### **American Quilter's Society**

#### **MISSION**

The American Quilter's Society (AQS) is dedicated to the quilter of today. Inspired by the enduring creativity and importance of quilts and quilting, AQS provides a forum for quilters of all skill levels to expand their horizons in quilting, design, self-expression and collecting. Through books, magazines, product offers, quilt shows and contests, workshops and other activities in the world of quilting, AQS strives to inspire, instruct and nurture the art and skill of quilting.

#### **OVERVIEW**

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. 2019 marks the 35th anniversary of the AQS QuiltWeek Show which began in Paducah, KY, known as Quilt City USA,<sup>®</sup> 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.

#### **MEMBERSHIP FEES**

- 1-Year AQS Membership (\$25.00)
- 2-Year AQS Membership (\$46.00)
- 3-Year AQS Membership (\$69.00)

#### **MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS**

- An annual subscription to *American Quilter* magazine: six issues a year, filled with articles, patterns and project ideas
- Reduced admission prices and early workshop registration for AQS QuiltWeek<sup>®</sup> events
- Connection with quilters just like you! Every quilting interest, every skill level, every dream finds a place at AQS.
- 20% discount on all fabrics, notions, tools and books at ShopAQS.com
- Discounted prices on online classes at [iquilt.com](http://iquilt.com)
- Discounts on admission to every QuiltWeek Show

- Discounts on AQS contest entries
- Car rental discounts
- A membership card and pin
- Access to a worldwide network of quilters

## **AMERICAN QUILTER MAGAZINE**

The American Quilter's Society publishes a full-color magazine with the world's most beautiful quilts plus techniques, projects and patterns for hand or machine quilting. AQS releases six issues per year, including an e-version.

## **QUILTWEEK SHOWS**

AQS hosts six QuiltWeek Shows across the U.S. Each show offers 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.

## **IQUILT**

The American Quilter's Society started the website [iquilt](http://www.americanquilter.com/index.php), an online resource that provides virtual quilting classes featuring the latest techniques from award-winning quilters. The online classes allow users to learn on your own schedule from the comfort of their own homes.

## **WEBSITE**

[www.americanquilter.com/index.php](http://www.americanquilter.com/index.php)

## **SOCIAL MEDIA**

Instagram: [www.instagram.com/agsonline](http://www.instagram.com/agsonline)  
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