



American Quilter's Society Hosts Annual QuiltWeek Show in Lancaster

Lancaster, PA., February 13, 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 Lancaster, Pa from **March 27-30** at the [Lancaster County Convention Center](#).

AQS QuiltWeek 2019 includes six events across the U.S., with its second show of the year taking place in Lancaster. 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 nearly 500 quilts on display, \$54,000 in prizes will be awarded during the four-day event in Lancaster. AQS Certified Quilt Appraisers will also be on hand to appraise new and vintage quilts for insurance documentation, sale or donation purposes.

Evening events include **Creativity and Quilt Play: An Evening with Victoria Findlay Wolfe; Success with Scrap Quilts: An Evening with Deb Tucker** and the **All-Star Review**, featuring instructors sharing techniques and comradery.

“We are expecting more than 15,000 people to meet in Lancaster, one of the oldest inland towns in the United States to enjoy this exciting four-day quilting and fiber arts showcase event,” said Bonnie Browning, AQS Executive Show Director. “Each QuiltWeek Show is about bringing passionate quilters together to share ideas and inspiration and we are looking forward to welcoming everyone to Lancaster.”

The Lancaster QuiltWeek show features a total of 11 exhibitions over four days, including:

- **35 Years of AQS Anniversary Showcase**

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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 shirt designs from previous AQS QuiltWeek shows and other American Quilter's Society memorabilia from the past 35 years.

- **The Prince Cherrywood Challenge**

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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***

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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.

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

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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.

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

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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/2HKhxeE>.

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/2HG9r6Q>.

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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