

NATIONAL NQM QUILT MUSEUM

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Position

Director of Development & Special Projects

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Overview

Laura Grimes serves as Director of Development & Special Projects for The National Quilt Museum, where she leads fundraising, donor engagement, membership growth, strategic partnerships, and special initiatives that support the Museum's mission.

Through relationship-building, storytelling, and philanthropic investment, she helps secure the resources necessary to preserve the Museum's world-class collection, expand educational opportunities, and ensure the institution's long-term sustainability.

Leadership Areas

Grimes oversees initiatives including:

- Annual fundraising campaigns
- Membership programs
- Major gifts and donor cultivation
- Planned giving and legacy gifts
- Endowment development
- Corporate and foundation partnerships
- Capital and preservation fundraising
- Special events and donor stewardship
- Community partnerships
- Strategic development planning

Preserving the Future

A key focus of Grimes' work is securing philanthropic support for:

- Collection preservation
- Exhibitions and visitor experiences
- Educational programming
- Building maintenance and capital improvements
- Climate-control and environmental systems
- Long-term financial sustainability

Her efforts help ensure that the Museum's collection and educational programs remain accessible for future generations.

Community Impact

Grimes works closely with:

- Museum members and donors
- Community leaders
- Foundations and corporations
- Tourism and cultural partners
- Volunteers and supporters
- Regional and national quilting communities

These relationships strengthen the Museum's visibility, impact, and ability to serve visitors from around the world.

Professional Focus

Laura Grimes is committed to:

- Expanding philanthropic support
- Building meaningful donor relationships
- Growing membership and community engagement
- Strengthening preservation efforts
- Increasing awareness of the Museum's impact
- Creating opportunities for legacy giving
- Supporting the Museum's mission for future generations

"Every quilt in the Museum's collection tells a story and creates opportunities for human connection. Through philanthropy, we can preserve those stories, share them with the world, and ensure they continue to inspire future generations."

Fast Facts

Title: Director of Development & Special Projects

Institution: The National Quilt Museum

Location: Paducah, Kentucky

Joined Museum: 2026

Areas of Expertise:

- Fundraising and philanthropy
- Major gifts and donor relations
- Planned giving and endowment development
- Membership growth and stewardship
- Strategic communications and storytelling
- Community engagement
- Arts and cultural administration
- Special events and partnerships

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