



Paducah, KY., May 6, 2026 – [The National Quilt Museum](#) is pleased to announce the hiring of [Laura Sessoms Grimes](#) as the Director of Development and Special Projects to lead the organization's efforts to advance donor engagement and special programs.

For the past four years, Grimes has served as Director of Outreach & Development at the Arkansas Hospice Foundation in Little Rock, Arkansas, leading statewide development initiatives and serving as the foundation's "Chief Storyteller", creating unique experiences for patients and highlighting the stories of people's lives.

Prior to working at the foundation, Grimes served as an executive director for a nonprofit arts organization. She also has extensive experience in marketing, branding, and large-scale event planning.

"Laura's background fits perfectly with our needs at the National Quilt Museum to elevate our development profile and enhance and grow group experiences", said Bonnie Schrock, Executive Director of The National Quilt Museum. "We collect quilts by today's quilters, and each quilt tells a unique story. I'm thrilled we have a new voice who will help us advance the NQM through philanthropy and unique experiences."

Grimes relocated to Kentucky in 2025 with her husband, Ben Grimes, the Managing Artistic Director for Market House Theatre in Paducah. She will start her new position on May 20, 2026.

The National Quilt Museum is located at 215 Jefferson Street in Paducah, Kentucky, and is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 1 p.m. through 5 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets may be purchased online or upon arrival. Complimentary parking is available onsite. Admission is \$15 for adults, \$13 for seniors (62 and older) and military, \$5 for students, and complimentary for children under 12 with a paying adult and members. For tickets and additional information, visit quiltmuseum.org or call 270-442-8856.

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Link to Laura Grimes Photo

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About The National Quilt Museum

The National Quilt Museum (NQM), designated as the national quilt museum by Congress in 2008, is recognized as America's leading quilt museum. NQM collects and exhibits contemporary quilts from the United States and internationally. The museum engages diverse communities through exhibitions, educational programs, artist support, and tourism initiatives. Its facilities include multiple galleries and an onsite gift shop.

NQM Social Media

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