



It's April! Traditionally, one of our biggest months of the year at The National Quilt Museum, when thousands of quilters and quilt enthusiasts make their way to Paducah for the [AQS QuiltWeek Show](#). It's the "World Series of Quilting," and we can hardly wait.

As this year marks our 35th Anniversary, we're pulling out all the stops to plan an Anniversary Celebration like no other on Thursday, April 23, in conjunction with our Friends of the Museum reception.

All are welcome when we share the anniversary spotlight with [New Quilts From An Old Favorite: Food](#), exhibition sponsor Royal Dansk, celebrating its 60th anniversary, and Tula Pink, who is celebrating her 20th Anniversary as a fabric designer and quilter with her exhibition, [Twenty Years Of Tula Pink](#). We have some BIG surprises planned, and we hope that you can join us!

In addition to our Anniversary Celebration, we're thrilled to host Janet Stone's exhibition, [And Now I Know My ABCs!](#) Janet will be on-site during QuiltWeek for artist talks and to sign her new book, hot off the press. As you make your way through the museum, don't miss Latifah Saafir's [It Was All A Dream](#), and the many Collection quilts on exhibit.

Finally, I want to thank everyone who has taken the time to write a review. Our Google listing is abuzz with praise and kind words for our "friendly, knowledgeable staff and volunteers." Read on to meet the special individuals whose passion and joy for quilting brings the National Quilt Museum experience to life.

Happy quilting!

Bonnie



Bonnie Schrock
Executive Director
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Two New Exciting Exhibitions

Janet Stone: *And Now I Know My ABCs!*

March 27 – September 22, 2026

Janet Stone's award-winning alphabet quilt series, created from 2008 to 2024, is an homage to her lifelong fascination with the alphabet, which began as a child.

"I've always had a thing for the alphabet. I was a cross-stitcher for a long time and always made samplers. My mom was in the printing business, and she used to bring home typeface catalogs, and I was fascinated as a kid about how many ways one could design letters. I've been enamored with letters and type my whole life."

Janet Stone will be on-site during QuiltWeek and will be giving two artist talks about her **exhibition**. The first is scheduled for Wednesday, April 22, from 11:00 am until noon, and the second talk will take place on Thursday afternoon from 2:00 until 3:00 pm. You can also meet Janet on Friday, April 24, in the museum's lobby for a book signing from 1:00 – 2:00 pm.

And Now I Know My ABCs! is proudly sponsored by **Baptist Health Paducah**.



*Muttons & Buttons & Pearls,
Oh My!*
by Janet Stone

Tula Pink: *Twenty Years Of Tula Pink*

April 3 – September 15, 2026

Acclaimed quilter Tula Pink celebrates 20 years by exhibiting her personal quilt collection for the first time in ***Twenty Years Of Tula Pink***.

According to Tula, her main function in life is fabric design. Her signature designs have been adapted to fabrics, woven ribbons, paper products, needlepoint kits, embroidery patterns, and sewing machines, and can be found in independent fabric shops and retailers all over the world.

Tula is most recognized in her industry for her dark sense of humor, a flair for hiding animals in the strangest of places (artistically, not literally), and her boldly unique use of color and pattern.

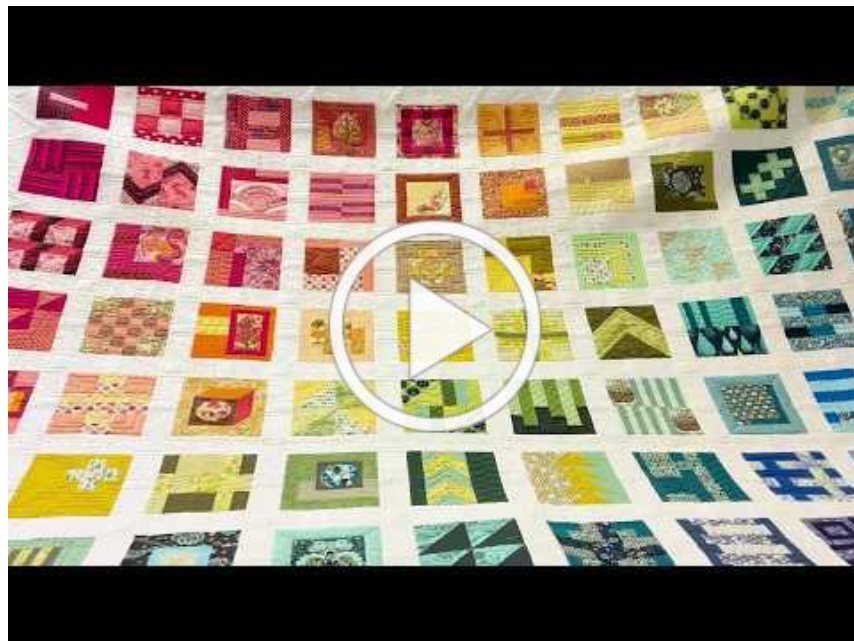
Tula comes from the “more is more” school of design, where there is never enough space and always room for that one last thing. And yes, her real name really is Tula Pink.



Rattled
by Tula Pink

Twenty Years Of Tula Pink is proudly sponsored by ***Paducah Bank***.

Watch this short video of NQM Staff oohing and ahing over Tula Pink's quilts as they prepare for her exhibition.



AQS QuiltWeek Paducah: April 20-25, 2026

Join us for AQS QuiltWeek Paducah and experience amazing exhibitions, in-person artist talks, book signings, our Anniversary Celebration, and more! Check out the [full schedule of events](#) and purchase your discounted museum multi-day pass in advance to save time and money—don't miss this incredible week!



If you're a Friend of the Museum at the Benefactor Level or above, admission for you and a guest is free year-round. You'll also save 20% on any purchases from our Gift Shop online or in person, plus 20% off classes, workshops, and tours. [Sign up or renew your membership here.](#)

If you are unable to attend QuiltWeek this year, stay involved by following our videos and photos throughout the week on our Facebook and Instagram channels. Plus, join our 35th Anniversary Super Raffle for just \$10 per chance to win one of twelve fantastic prizes, including a Bernina USA sewing machine valued at \$5,499. See all the prizes and buy your [ticket today for a chance to win!](#)

Special Experiences Start with Special People

One of the best ways to experience The National Quilt Museum is by taking a guided tour. Our knowledgeable staff and docents bring the quilts to life. You'll learn how the quilts were made, their unique backstories, and the inspirations of the artists. Guided tours are available on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays at 11:00 am and on Thursdays at 11:00 am and 1:00 pm. The tours are only \$10 per person and are approximately 45 minutes. [Tour tickets can be purchased in advance](#) with admission or upon arrival.

If you're traveling with a group of four or more, book one of our [group museum experiences](#). We offer four different experiences, including:

The White Glove Experience: An exclusive "behind the scenes" look at the Collection.

Expanded Guided Tour: Learn about the museum's history, collection, current exhibitions, and more.

A Creative Stitch Experience: A guided experience to stitch your own quilt block souvenir.



Becky Glasby
Director of Learning & Engagement

Fused Art Quilt Experience: A guided experience to learn how to make a quilt block souvenir using the fusible appliqué technique.

Learn more about how to plan your group experience by contacting NQM Director of Learning and Engagement, [Becky Glasby to discuss availability](#). We recommend planning your experience as soon as possible prior to your arrival.

NQM Collection Quilts Now on Exhibition

This spring the following quilts are on display from [The National Quilt Museum's Collection](#). These inspiring, eye-popping quilts represent some of the best quilts in the world. And if you visit during AQS QuiltWeek Paducah, you may just see some of the legendary quiltmakers who created them.

A February's Dream of Spring by Laurie Tigner

Air Show by Jonathan Shannon

...And (Dot, Dot, Dot) by Gail Stepanek & Jan Hutchison

Celebration #2 by Caryl Bryer Fallert-Gentry

Dance of the Twirly Girls by Andrea Brokenshire

ElaTed by Ted Storm

Emerging for Tea by Valerie C. White

Escape from Circle City by Sylvia Pickell

Eureka by Marilyn Badger

Floral Symphony No. 2 by Mariya Waters

Fullness by Yoshiyuki Ishizaki

Garden Party by Faye Anderson

Hollyhocks by Velda Newman

Infinity by Danny Amazonas

Into the Sunshine by Joyce Hite & Patricia Hechler

Passage by Ricky Tims

Pattern Fusion No. 18, Motherboard 9 by Arturo Alonzo Sandoval

Saffron Splendor by Pat Holly

The Mountain and the Magic: Night Lights by Judi Warren Blaydon

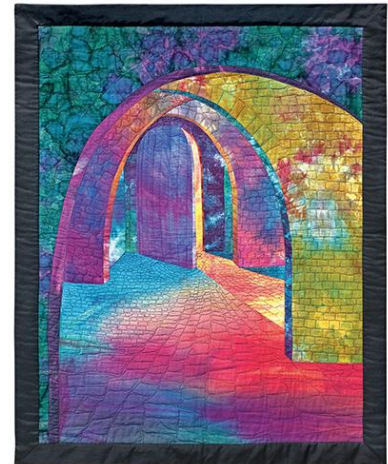
Tree of Life: Spring by Jane Sassaman

Two of Us by Pat Holly & Sue Nickels

White Coneflowers by Ann Fahl



Air Show by Jonathan Shannon



Passage by Ricky Tims



Garden Party by Faye Anderson

Current and Upcoming Exhibitions



Dance of the Twirly Girls by Andrea Brokenshire

The National Quilt Museum Collection
Ongoing



New Quilts from an Old Favorite:
Food



March 6 – July 28, 2026

One Dog Night by Latifah Saafir

Latifah Saafir: *It Was All A Dream*

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KALEIDOSCOPIC XLIV: Continue to Continue by Paula Nadelstern

Paula Nadelstern: *Master of Symmetry*

July 31 – December 30, 2026



Electric Pineapple by Libs Elliott

**Carrefour Européen du Patchwork:
*Avant-Garde***

September 25 – December 1, 2026

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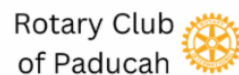
Thank you to everyone who renewed their Friend of the Museum Membership in March or became a new member. Your support makes our exhibitions, programs, and events possible.

We love celebrating our new and renewed members. [Click this link](#) to renew your membership or become a new Friend of the Museum.

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