



Happy New Year! We have a wonderful year of exciting exhibitions, programs, and special events planned for 2026 in celebration of The National Quilt Museum's 35th Anniversary. In this issue of *Threads*, you'll find highlights of what's to come, including our schedule of events for AQS QuiltWeek Paducah 2026, and how we plan to ramp up our virtual offerings to keep you engaged wherever you are.

The year is starting with lots of good news to share. I'll start with our latest acquisition *Celebration #2*, donated by the artist, Caryl Bryer Fallert-Gentry. It is featured at the top of this month's newsletter and is the 699th quilt in the NQM's Collection. Read on for a link to a video of Caryl's artist talk, where she opens up about her inspiration and passion for quilting during her recent NQM exhibition, *A Life In Color: 50 Years of Art Quilts*.

Soon we will be unveiling our largest raffle ever, featuring 10 prizes from some of the biggest names in quilting. We're anxiously awaiting the arrival of the prizes and can't wait to share them with you, many of which are one-of-a-kind.

Finally, we are so grateful for the outpouring of support that we've received for our annual appeal so far. It truly warms our hearts and makes us aware of the importance of our mission, especially as we prepare to celebrate 35 years. If you haven't donated and would like to, please see the link below to learn how you can double your gift between now and January 31st.

Wishing you a happy and healthy New Year!

Bonnie



Bonnie Schrock
Executive Director
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Help Us Make the Match by January 31st!

Moda Fabrics and two anonymous donors have offered a \$50,000 matching gift, creating a valuable opportunity for supporters to make a meaningful impact now.

Without our donors' generosity and goodwill, we would not be able to achieve our mission in both purpose and capacity. If you would like to contribute, please [click here to donate](#).

The National Quilt Museum is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization.

The 35th Anniversary Celebration is a milestone that highlights our shared history and inspires pride in supporting the museum's future.

The National Quilt Museum (NQM) was established in Paducah, Kentucky, in 1991. It was the vision of Bill and Meredith Schroeder, influential Paducah residents, publishers, and quilt enthusiasts. The mission was and is to honor today's quilters and inspire future quilters with exceptional exhibitions, education, and programming.

The NQM quickly attracted a national and international audience and became a powerful economic and cultural engine for the western Kentucky region.

In 2008, the museum was designated The National Quilt Museum by the United States Congress as the repository for the finest work by today's quilters. To date the NQM has attracted more than one million visitors from more than 40+ countries, curated more than 250 exhibitions, and provided educational opportunities for thousands of quilters of all levels, backgrounds, and ages, including more than 100,000 K-12 students.

The NQM is dedicated to preserving the art of quilting. It maintains a permanent collection of nearly 700 of the world's most celebrated quilts and hosts

temporary exhibitions of outstanding quilts made by individuals and guild organizations. Women quilters make ninety-five percent of the quilts exhibited.

The National Quilt Museum's vision is to be America's premier quilt museum, celebrating innovative and extraordinary quilts from the United States and around the world. In 2026, we look forward to honoring all those who have contributed to the museum's 35 years of success with special exhibitions, programming, and events. We hope you will join us on this joyful journey, in person or through our virtual offerings. Watch for special announcements in upcoming newsletters and on our social media channels.

NQM Schedule of Events for AQS QuiltWeek Paducah 2026

Start planning now to join us during AQS QuiltWeek Paducah, April 22-25, 2026, and support our exhibitions and programs with your attendance and donations. Watch for information about our QuiltWeek Raffle, featuring 10 prizes. Tickets will go on sale in February.

NQM Exhibitions

Latifah Saafir: *It Was All A Dream*

March 6 – July 28, 2026

New Quilts from an Old Favorite: Theme – Food

March 6 – July 28, 2026

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

March 27 – September 22, 2026

Tula Pink: *20 Years of Tula Pink*

April 3 – September 15, 2026

NQM QuiltWeek Artist Events

Wednesday, April 22, 2026

20 Years of Tula Pink: Guided tour with Tula

NQM Galleries

Ticketed event, 7:30 – 9:00 am

Tickets go on sale February 2 at quiltmuseum.org

Meet & Greet with Janet Stone

NQM Galleries, 11 am – 12noon

NQM 35th Anniversary Birthday Bash

Friends of the Museum Annual Reception

6:00 – 7:30 pm

Thursday, April 23, 2026

20 Years of Tula Pink: Guided tour with Tula

NQM Galleries

Ticketed event, 7:30 – 9:00 am

Tickets go on sale February 2 at quiltmuseum.org

Book Signing with Tula Pink

NQM Lobby, 9:30 – 10:30 am

Free event

Meet & Greet with Janet Stone

NQM Galleries, 2 pm – 3 pm

Friday, April 24, 2026

Book Signing with Janet Stone

NQM Lobby, 11 am – 12 noon

Free Event

New Year, New Quilting Skills

Advance your quilting skills in 2026 with a class at The National Quilt Museum!

Adult Beginner Class: *Bear Paw*

January 19 – February 23, 2026

This six-week beginner class starting January 19 meets once a week and is for adults ages 18+ interested in learning the basics of quilting or in increasing their skills. [Click here](#) for more details and registration.

Take a class with a quilting star and learn from the pros. These classes are for quilters of varying levels.

Charles Cameron: *Crooked Crosses & Bent Boxes*

March 12-14, 2026

For all levels, this workshop will include hands-on instruction for each step of the Crooked Crosses and Bent Boxes quilt pattern. [Click here](#) for more details and registration.

Latifah Saafir: *Half Rectangle Triangle Design School*

July 23-25, 2026

For intermediate level and above, this workshop will help you build a “design vocabulary” of HRT-based blocks and explore how color, scale, and proportion transform them into show-stopping quilts. [Click here](#) for more details and registration.

Paula Nadelstern: *The Full Kaleidoscope: Sixty Thirty Plus Sunstar*©

October 1-3, 2026

For advanced beginner level and above, this workshop culminates in the creation of a unique and fabulous kaleidoscope block. [Click here](#) for more details and registration.

Celebration #2, Our Newest Collection Quilt Acquisition!

Caryl Bryer Fallert-Gentry's generous donation of *Celebration #2* invites supporters to feel proud of the museum's growing collection and its significance. Watch the video below to learn more about Caryl's exciting career as an international artist spanning more than 50 years.



2026 New Virtual Programming

We love to greet you in person, but when you are unable to travel to the museum, we are working on new ways to bring the museum to you. Watch for new virtual programming opportunities in 2026. We'll be hosting webinars, online classes, artist talks, gallery tours, and more. Follow our [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) channels for updates and announcements in the coming months.

There's Still Time! Submit Your Entry for *New Quilts From An Old Favorite: Food*

Entries for the 2026 *New Quilts From An Old Favorite* competition and exhibition will be accepted through January 14, 2026. The theme is “Food,” and the quilt must be about food in some recognizable way and include an interpretation of a traditional block pattern of your choosing. All quilts must be original designs.



To see past winners, read more about the competition, view entry rules, and submit your entry, [click here](#).

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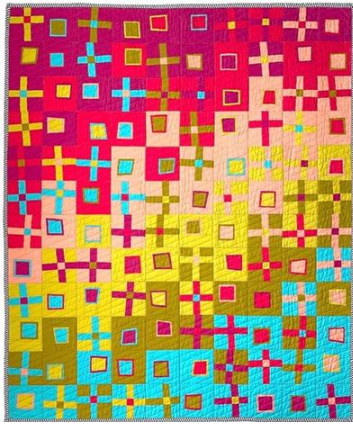
Thank you to everyone who renewed their Friend of the Museum Membership in December or became a new member. Your support makes our exhibitions, programs, and events possible.

Would you like your name to be in our next newsletter? [Click this link](#) to renew your membership or become a new Friend of the Museum.

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Current and Upcoming Exhibitions



Crooked Crosses and Bent Boxes by
Charles Cameron

**Charles Cameron: A Curious
Modern Quilter**
Now – March 24, 2026



Serenity by Molly Hamilton-McNally

**The National Quilt Museum
Collection**
Ongoing



School Block Challenge 2026
December 5 – March 3, 2026



**New Quilts from an Old Favorite:
*Food***
March 6 – July 28, 2026



Rocket 88 by Latifah Saafir

Latifah Saafir: *It Was All A Dream*
March 6 – July 28, 2026



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

**Janet Stone: *And Now I Know My
ABCS!***
March 27 – September 26, 2026



Rattled by Tula Pink



KALEIDOSCOPIC XLIV: Continue to Continue by Paula Nadelstern

Tula Pink: *Twenty Years of Tula Pink*

April 3 – September 15, 2026

Paula Nadelstern: *Master of Symmetry*

July 31 – December 30, 2026



Carrefour Européen du Patchwork: *Avant Garde*

September 25 – December 1, 2026

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