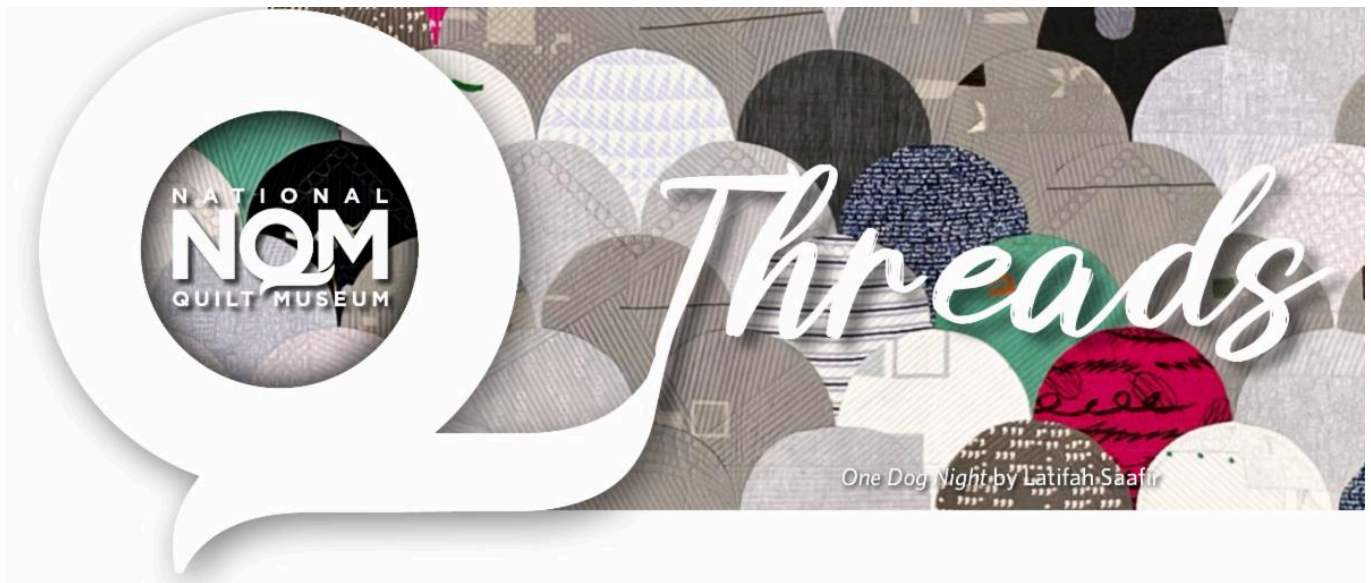




Spring is here, which means it's almost [National Quilting Day](#)! Originating in Kentucky, this annual event is now celebrated nationwide through the collaboration of The National Quilt Museum and the Quilt Alliance. Mark your calendars for March 21 and join us at the museum for an action-packed day of demonstrations, free make-and-take activities, and much more.

We're also celebrating quilters from around the world in this issue. I'll take you on a tour of Ted Storm's quilt room in the Netherlands, and Latifah Saafir, co-founder of the Modern Quilt Guild, gives us the low down from her studio in Los Angeles, on what it's like to prepare for an exhibition at The National Quilt Museum. Her exhibit, *It Was All A Dream*, opens tomorrow, March 6, along with a spectacular new exhibition on Food, sponsored by our newest sponsor, Royal Dansk.

March is also the month in which we celebrate our luck on St. Patrick's Day, and you can celebrate yours by purchasing a ticket for our [35th Anniversary Super Raffle](#)! Twelve lucky winners will win one of twelve donated prizes, and it's only \$10 for a chance to win. Looking ahead, don't miss special museum opportunities during AQS QuiltWeek Paducah. Purchase your Museum multi-day pass to take advantage of our extended hours and special programming during [AQS QuiltWeek Paducah, April 22-25, 2026](#). Read on for more news from the museum and to see what's coming up next. Happy quilting!

Happy quilting!

Bonnie



TWO Exhibitions Open This Friday, March 6!

Latifah Saafir: *It Was All A Dream*

March 6 – July 28, 2026

Latifah, cofounder of the Modern Quilt Guild, shot the video below from her studio in Los Angeles, California, as a prelude to her exhibition, *It Was All A Dream*, opening tomorrow. In the video, Latifah shares her journey as a quilter and how she selected the quilts for her first exhibition at The National Quilt Museum.

After watching the video, you'll want to see Latifah's quilts in person. Purchase your [tickets here](#). Or even better, take Latifah's upcoming class at The National Quilt Museum July 23-25, 2026. Learn more [here](#).



One Dog Night
by Latifah Saafir

Watch Latifah Saafir's Video About Her Exhibit *It Was All A Dream*



New Quilts From an Old Favorite: Food

March 6 – July 28, 2026

This international contest and exhibition, organized by the National Quilt Museum, challenges quilters to create an innovative quilt based on a theme and a specific traditional pattern. The exhibition, **sponsored by Royal Dansk**, includes quilts about food that include a block pattern of the quilter's choice.

Selections were based on design, technique, and innovation; all designs are original. Finalists are from 20 states and 3 countries. Three outside judges determined the first-, second-, and third-place winners. The exhibition will travel to five AQS shows in 2026 and 2027.

1st Place: *Grandma's Sewing Kit* by Jessica Drennan of Rigby, ID

2nd Place: *Lobster with a Side of Shrimp* by Kathleen Plumley of Wellsboro, PA

3rd Place: *General Sew's Chicken* by Susie Cobbs of Huntsville, AL

Congratulations to our winners and finalists!



Grandma's Sewing Kit
by Jessica Drennan



Lobster with a Side of Shrimp
by Kathleen Plumley

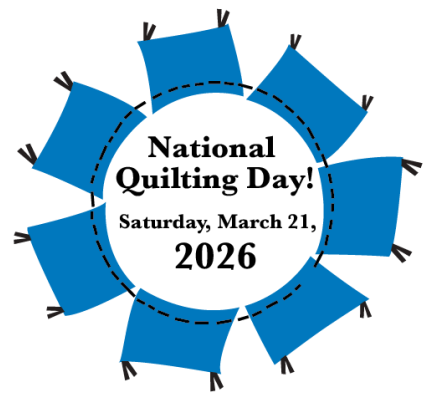


General Sew's Chicken
by Susie Cobbs



Celebrate National Quilting Day – March 21, 2026

The National Quilt Museum in conjunction with the Quilt Alliance invite you to celebrate National Quilting Day on March 21, 2026. Come to The National Quilt Museum for a fun-filled day of activities from 10 am to 4 pm. Watch live demonstrations, take home a souvenir with one of our free make and takes, and visit our galleries filled with award-winning collection quilts and special exhibitions.



Buy a Moda Charm Pack and get a second pack half-off at the NQM Gift Shop with in-person purchases on March 21.

Learn more and see the full [schedule of events for National Quilting Day here](#).

Visit the Netherlands with Legendary Quilter TED STORM!

We're excited to share an in-depth conversation with the legendary quilter Ted Storm and The National Quilt Museum's executive director, Bonnie Schrock. Ted gives a tour of her quilting room in the Netherlands and reflects on her remarkable quilting journey. Highlights include:

- 1:54 - Ted's quilting history and the Ohio quilter who changed her life
- 5:44 - Insights into her stunning quilt designs
- 11:01 - A tour of her quilting room in the Netherlands
- 15:50 - The story behind her award-winning quilt *ElaTED*
- 21:53 - Ted shares her techniques, including quilting with a spoon
- 28:54 - Why handwork is central to her designs



ElaTED
by Ted Storm

Ted Storm's quilt *ElaTED*, part of The National Quilt Museum's collection, is now on display in our galleries. Learn more about the museum's collection [here](#).

NQM 35th Anniversary at AQS QuiltWeek Paducah April 20-25, 2026

Celebrate our 35th Anniversary kickoff during AQS QuiltWeek Paducah. View the full schedule of [events here](#), and save time and money with a discounted museum [multi-day pass](#).

Don't miss our 35th Anniversary Super Raffle! Twelve prizes for just \$10 per chance, including a Bernina USA sewing machine valued at \$5,499. Or a gorgeous, quilted prize made by one of the AQS Paducah QuiltWeek instructors. See all the prizes and purchase your [tickets here](#).

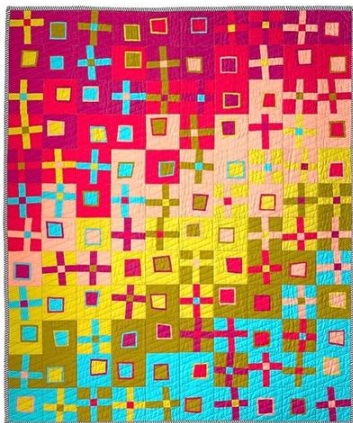


Put a Little SPRING in Your Step

Nothing like a little shopping to put a "spring" into your step. Shop the online NQM Gift Shop and have items shipped directly to you or your friends and family. Check out our new *Star Struck* Tee, featuring the design from artist Cheryl See's quilt *Star Struck*, and click on "[Spring Favorites](#)" to see our latest selection of merchandise.



Current and Upcoming Exhibitions



Crooked Crosses and Bent Boxes by
Charles Cameron

**Charles Cameron: A Curious
Modern Quilter**



Colourful Dream by Lise Bélanger

Now – March 24, 2026

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Rocket 88 by Latifah Saafir

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March 6 – July 28, 2026



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

Janet Stone: *And Now I Know My ABCs!*
March 27 – September 22, 2026



Rattled by Tula Pink

Tula Pink: *Twenty Years of Tula Pink*
April 3 – September 15, 2026



Electric Pineapple by Libs Elliott

**Carrefour Européen du
Patchwork:**

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July 31 – December 30, 2026

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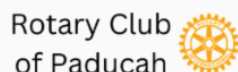
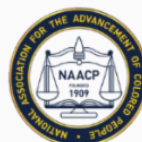
Thank you to everyone who renewed their Friend of the Museum Membership in February or became a new member. Your support makes our exhibitions, programs, and events possible.

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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