



AQS QuiltWeek Paducah 2026 exceeded all our expectations! We had hundreds of visitors lined up starting as early as 5:40 a.m. for Tula Pink's signing (see QuiltWeek photos below). Tula's books sold out, as did Janet Stone's, but not to worry; they are now back in stock! Click the titles to purchase Janet and Tula's books, "[Mutton But Letters](#)," "[Quilt With Tula and Angela](#)" and "[100 Modern Quilt Blocks](#)." Or visit our [online Gift Shop](#) to see all of our NQM merchandise available for shipping.

The 35th Anniversary Celebration and Friends of the Museum reception was spectacular. Founder and current board chair, Meredith Schroeder, was recognized for her vision and continuing support, with a custom-made silk scarf featuring Caryl Bryer Fallert-Gentry's quilt *Corona II: Solar Eclipse*, the historic first machine-pieced quilt to win the AQS Best of Show Award in 1989. The quilt and Meredith Schroeder's courage to recognize it legitimized machine quilting as an art form and fueled innovation in the quilt industry that continues today.

We also welcomed the winning team from the University of Kentucky Pigman College of Engineering Paducah Campus, whose one-of-a-kind 6-foot+ Thread Spool sculpture made entirely of sponsor Royal Dansk®, the classic Danish Cookie brand's iconic cookie tins, which transformed our lobby into a festive party atmosphere. Artist Elizabeth Skinner's carved wooden needle added the perfect touch. Friends of the museum were gifted a complimentary Royal Dansk cookie tin, and cake was enjoyed by all.

NQM Curator, Rachael Baar, provided some exciting news about the 2027 exhibition schedule (read more below). Our galleries were abuzz with guests taking in [Twenty Years of Tula Pink](#), Janet Stone's [And Now I Know My ABCs!](#), Latifah Saafir's [It Was All A Dream](#), winning quilts from [New Quilts From An Old Favorite: Food](#), and an impressive number of Collection quilts.

I encourage you to [watch the video recap](#) of the highlights of this wonderful evening, made possible by our sponsors and donors. We are truly grateful for your generosity and support of The National Quilt Museum and look forward to celebrating the next 35 years of "Today's Quilters."

Happy quilting!



Bonnie Schrock
Executive Director
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Christmas in May!

The American Quilter's Society has generously donated four Purchase Award Quilts to the Collection of The National Quilt Museum. They are absolute showstoppers and we will be bringing you more details on each of these amazing quilts and the quiltmakers in the June Issue of Threads. Huge thank you to the American Quilter's Society for this very special gift.



Stellar by Antari Foster, Aylesbury,
England
WonderFil Specialty Threads Best
Miniature Quilt Award, AQS QuiltWeek
Paducah 2026



East Meets West by Molly Hamilton-
McNally and YanGe Gong, Coto de Caza,
CA
Handi Quilter Best Movable Machine
Workmanship Award 2026 AQS Paducah
QuiltWeek



Beautiful Village (Lake District) by Junko
Fujiwara, Chiba, Japan
AQS Best Hand Workmanship Award
2026 AQS Paducah QuiltWeek



Color My World by Karen Kay Buckley,
Carlise, PA
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QuiltWeek Paducah 2026

AQS QuiltWeek Paducah Photos, Video Recap and Tula Pink

There are so many memorable moments from AQS QuiltWeek Paducah 2026 that we want to share with you. Here are some fun photos of preparing for and during QuiltWeek. Of course, you'll see a lot more by watching the video of the 35th Anniversary reception highlights! You can [see it here](#).

For all of you who have called, emailed, and sent us messages on our social media channels, the answer is YES! We will share videos of Tula Pink's sold-out Gallery Talk.

In our upcoming newsletters and on our social media channels, we will drop videos of Tula as she walks her exhibit and talks about designs, inspiration, and more.



Left to Right: NQM Founder Meredith Schroeder, *New Quilts From An Old Favorite* First Place Winner Jessica Drennan, NQM Executive Director Bonnie Schrock, and Royal Dansk Brand Manager, Adrianna Hoak.



Tula Pink with her quilt *Supernova*.



Students from the University of Kentucky Pigman College of Engineering Paducah Campus assembling the spool of thread sculpture they designed from Royal Dansk cookie tins.



Janet Stone with her quilt, *Ewe Are My Sunshine*.





Jessica Drennan with her quilt,
Grandma's Sewing Kit.

Hundreds waited in line for Tula Pink's Book
Signing event.

The Year of the Collection – 2027

Rachael Baar, Curator at The National Quilt Museum, announced 2027 as “The Year of the Collection” with exhibitions, programs, and events showcasing nearly 700 quilts.

“We are planning a dynamic 2027 exhibition schedule, featuring public exhibitions of 'Today's Quilters,' with some of the best quilts made in the world. The thematic exhibitions will offer visitors opportunities to explore techniques, designs, and skill sets from the United States' premier quilt collection. Updates and access details for these events will be provided in future newsletters and on our social media channels. In the meantime, as a sneak peek, the entire Collection is available online for everyone,” said Baar.



Rachael Baar
NQM Curator

Our Full Collection--Now Online!

View more than 700 quilts, photos, videos, and artist statements on The National Quilt Museum's website. Watch the video below by Laura Hendrickson, Director of Collections & Registrar, for a step-by-step guide on how to access the full Collection. No account is needed to view the Collection.

We are so excited to have the opportunity to provide this expanded access due to the generous support we receive from our sponsors and donors.

[Click here](#) to watch the video, then start browsing the Collection online!

AQS QuiltWeek Paducah Sweepstakes Winners

Congratulations to the winners of the AQS QuiltWeek Paducah Sweepstakes, sponsored by AARP Kentucky.



Free Spirit Tula Pink fabric basket

Darlene G.
Washington, MI

Free Spirit Kaffe Fassett fabric basket

Karen H.
Yukon, OK

Moda Fabrics + Supplies basket

Stacye R.
Oakland, TN

Lifetime Membership to AQS

Pam C.
Taylorsville, KY

3 Year Membership to AQS

Janet L.
Bowling Green, KY

2 Year Membership to AQS

Jean R.
Fort Myers, FL

1 Year Membership to AQS

Ella B.
Redding, CA

NQM 35th Anniversary Super Raffle Winners!



Congratulations to all 12 the winners of the NQM 35th Anniversary Super Raffle! The prizes were generously donated by AQS QuiltWeek Paducah Workshop Instructors, Collection artists, and sponsors, including Moda Fabrics + Supplies and Bernina USA.

Bernina 570 QE

Maria F.
St. Louis, MO

***Sentry of Santorini* by David Taylor**

Naomi F.
Colorado Springs, Co

***Modern X* mini quilt by Christa Watson**

Anne B.
San Mateo, CA

Janome NQM 2016 Sewing Machine

Karin F.
Salt Lake City, UT

***Diamond Sparkle* mini quilt and *Bauble* table runner by Kathie Beltz**

Mary B.
Marysville, OH

***White Baby Baltimore* mini quilt and 2 books: *The Grid Design Workbook* and *An Encyclopedia of Grid Designs* by Cindy Seitz Krug**

Xai X.
Germantown, WI

180 Design Star tool, instruction sheets and fabric by Jackie O'brien

Pam O.
Los Gatos, CA

***Paducah Peony* table runner, multiple quilt patterns and gift items by Lori Miller**

Janet D.
Birmingham AL

Sweet Tooth quilting and improv piecing workshop, Procreate for Quilters, and Derwent Inktense online classes by Bethanne Nemesh

Chantal I.
Washington, IL

Waves and Shapes on demand class by Caroline Oneto

Laurie L.
Gardnerville, NV

Moda Sheers

Kristina K.
Paducah, KY

***Mosaic Hydrangea* mini quilt and tweezers by Heidi Profetty**

Jack F.
Gilbertsville, KY

Make Your Own Quilted Blazer

Take Sandra Lee Chandler's class at The National Quilt Museum on August 22. Sandra Lee is a passionate textile artist, educator, and social media storyteller with over 38 years of experience in quilting and fiber arts. Sandra holds a B.S. in Clothing, Textiles, and Design from Arizona State University. Her expertise spans various aspects of textile arts, including repurposed denim quilts, wearable quilted garments, and innovative techniques that blend sustainability with contemporary design.

[Learn more and register here.](#)



Instructor Sandra Lee Chandler modeling one of her fabulous quilted blazers!

More Upcoming NQM Workshops



Latifah Saafir Workshop

Exploring Clamshells

July 23-25

[Learn more and register here.](#)



Paula Nadelstern Workshop

The Full Kaleidoscope: Sixty

Thirty Plus Sunstar©

October 1-3, 2026

[Learn more and register here.](#)

NQM Collection Quilts Currently on Exhibition

The following quilts are currently on display from [The National Quilt Museum's Collection](#). Please note that occasionally our curatorial staff will make changes to the Collection quilts on display to accommodate a visit from a Collection quilt artist or a scheduled program.

If you have a favorite Collection quilt that you would like to see displayed, inquire about the museum's Collection Quilt sponsorship program by contacting [Bonnie Schrock](#).

9.11.2001 by Claire Gardner

A February's Dream of Spring by Laurie Tigner

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

...and Our Flag Was Still There by Melinda Bula

Beautiful Village (Lake District) by Junko Fujiwara, Chiba, Japan

Celebration #2 by Caryl Bryer Fallert-Gentry

Color My World by Karen Kay Buckley, Carlise, PA

East Meets West by Molly Hamilton-McNally and YanGe Gong, Coto de Caza, CA

ElaTed by Ted Storm

Escape from Circle City by Sylvia Pickell

Eureka! by Marilyn Badger

Hollyhocks by Velda Newman

Infinity by Danny Amazonas



The Value of Gears by Judith Phelps



Hollyhocks by Velda Newman

Into the Sunshine by Joyce Hite & Patricia Hechler

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

Peacock Hoedown by Laurie Tigner, Rapid City, SD

Saffron Splendor by Pat Holly

Spice of Life by Linda M. Roy

Stars & Stripes Sampler by Marianne Fons and Liz Porter

Stellar by Antari Foster, Aylesbury, England

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

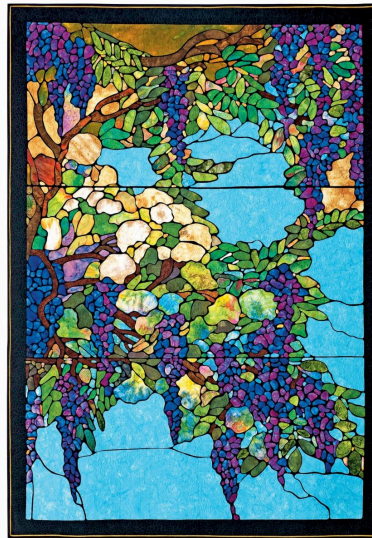
The Value of Gears by Judith Phelps

Tree of Life: Spring by Jane Sassaman



Saffron Splendor by Pat Holly

Current Exhibitions



Wisteria by Mark Sherman

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*

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

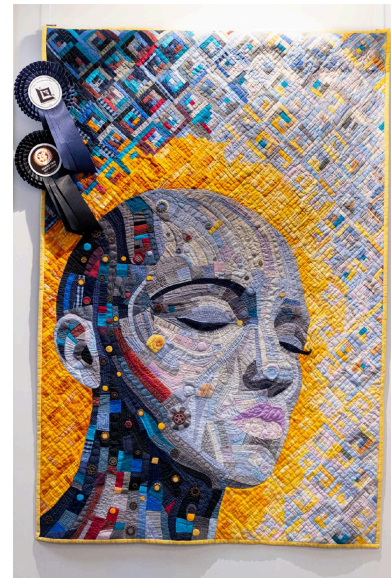
Upcoming Exhibitions



KALEIDOSCOPIC XLIV: Continue to Continue by Paula Nadelstern

Paula Nadelstern: *Master of Symmetry*

July 31 – December 30, 2026



What Are Her Origins? by Szilvia Kerékgyárté

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

September 25 – December 1, 2026

Friends of The Museum

Thank you to everyone who renewed their Friend of the Museum Membership in April 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.

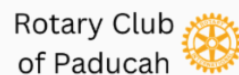
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Alexandra Anderson
Debbie Apponey
Donna Baldacci
Judy Ballance
Avalyn Bauer
Mitchell Baumann
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Barbara Bermel
Cathy Bingham
Martha & John Bowman
Sarah Burr
Bobbie Butler
Leila Calk
Deborah & Robert Camacho
Cheryl Camp
Dee Carter
Mary Cathcart
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Paschedag
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