

Press Release:

Missouri Quilt Museum will Feature a Permanent Exhibit of Quilts from The Collection of The National Quilt Museum



Rotating Exhibit will bring the quilts of the most respected modern quilters to Missouri Quilt Museum visitors.

Hamilton, MO, 5/10/19: The Missouri Quilt Museum in Hamilton, MO and The National Quilt Museum in Paducah, KY have finalized an agreement that will bring the most respected and well-known collection of modern quilts to visitors to Hamilton, MO all the time.

When the museum opens in Fall 2019, the Missouri Quilt Museum will create a permanent location for quilts from The Collection of The National Quilt Museum. The quilts in this exhibit will be changed 3 to 4 times per year so visitors will have something new to see each time they visit.

The National Quilt Museum has one of the most well-known and respected collections of modern quilts in the world. The Collection is made up of over 600 quilts representing the best-of-the-best in quilting from 1980 to present. National Quilt Museum CEO, Frank Bennett stated, "The mission of The National Quilt Museum is to promote the growth and expansion of quilting by bringing the work of today's quilters to new audiences. We love working with other organizations that share our passion for quilting and we look forward to having an exhibit at The Missouri Quilt Museum. This is going to be an exciting venue for quilt and art enthusiasts."

Missouri Quilt Museum founders Ryan and Dakota Redford said, “We are delighted to partner with the National Quilt Museum. We share in their desires to provide a forum that increases awareness and promotes visibility to the arts throughout the country. The expertise and professionalism of The National Quilt Museum will be a highlight to The Missouri Quilt Museum experience, right here in Hamilton Missouri.”

About the National Quilt Museum

Now in its 27th year, the National Quilt Museum promotes the growth and expansion of quilting by bringing the work of today’s quilters to new audiences through exhibits, education programs, preservation, and advocacy efforts. Their primary campus in Paducah, KY sees visitors annually from all 50 states and over 40 foreign countries. Between in facility and travelling exhibits, more than 150,000 people per year experience the art form in person through museum efforts.

The museum is committed to teaching the next generation of quilters, and its education programs annually attract more than 4,000 young people and adults. Educational opportunities include the School Block Challenge, Quilt Camp, and the museum’s acclaimed hands-on program, The Creative Stitch, in which people of all ages with no previous experience learn to make a quilt block.

The National Quilt Museum has won the TripAdvisor Certificate of Excellence for five consecutive years, making it one of the top tourist attractions by visitor review. The museum made *Southern Living’s* “Top 15 Museums in the South” list in 2017, and it has been mentioned in *Midwest Living*, *CNN Travel*, *National Geographic*, *USA Today*, *National Geographic*, and many more. For more information go to www.quiltmuseum.org.



About the Missouri Quilt Museum

The Missouri Quilt Museum will be opening in the original Hamilton High School built in 1921, located at 300 East Bird, in Hamilton, Missouri. The building will undergo extensive renovations, however, it will maintain its original character as a 100-year-old historic schoolhouse. The Missouri Quilt Museum will complement the National Quilt Museum by telling the history of Quilting through exhibits and stories. There will be hands on exhibits as well as those that bring to life the history and passion of quilting throughout the years. Not only will you find some of the best quilts ever made displayed in multiple quilt galleries, but also antique machines including featherweights and treadles and an outstanding variety of over 500 vintage toy sewing machines. With the help of quilters around the world, we are also creating the world's largest thimble collection for display. You may have already heard about the 22 foot tall World's Largest Spool of Thread that greets guests to the museum; our first interactive exhibit. Bring some thread and add to it!



Hamilton Missouri is home to Missouri Star Quilt Company which operates 12 quilt shops in Hamilton. They have revitalized Hamilton and turned it into Quilt Town, USA! Hamilton is the perfect venue for the Missouri Quilt Museum. Our museum has been featured in Bill on the Road, Missouri Life Magazine, and Missouri Star Quilt Company Block Magazine.

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