

Have a great AQS QuiltWeek® - Fall Paducah, Kentucky 2018 experience!



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Local Quilter Semifinalist in International Quilt Show

Paducah, Kentucky, USA – Betty McLean, Linda Young, and Heather Clark from Hamilton are semifinalists for the 2018 AQS QuiltWeek® – Fall Paducah, Kentucky September 12 – 15, 2018, at the Schroeder Expo & Carroll Convention Center in Paducah, Kentucky.

Betty, Linda, and Heather have been chosen to display the quilt, *LITTLE BROWN BIRD*, along with 300 others in this 2nd Annual contest. Three quilting authorities will judge this elite group in Paducah, awarding first-, second-, and third-place prizes in 15 categories, along with Judges' Recognition. Seven overall awards will be decided by public vote from among the fifteen 1st Place quilts. Winners will be announced at the AQS Winner's Showcase, which takes place at Walker Hall in Paducah at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 12. Cash awards totaling \$121,250 will be granted, including \$20,000 for the Best of Show; \$11,000 for the Best Wall Quilt; \$10,000 for 1st Place Overall; \$9,000 for 2nd Place Overall; \$8,000 for 3rd Place Overall; \$7,000 for 4th Place Overall; and \$6,000 for 5th Place Overall. Regardless of how *LITTLE BROWN BIRD* places in the final judging, all semi-finalists' quilts will be displayed at the show, which is expected to draw more than 30,000 people.

AQS Founder and President Meredith Schroeder says, "Quilters today are creating artwork with vivid colors and a variety of materials—from traditional designs to paint, ink, and dye. You need to see these works of art!"

Quilts were entered in this international contest from 42 US states and 13 other countries. Come see a wide range of special exhibit quilts including: *Tula in Stitches*; *Cherrywood Challenge 2017: Van Gogh Dutch Gallery*; *Journey of a Longarm Pioneer: Marilyn Badger*; *World Fairy Tale Quilts*; *Bourbon in the Bluegrass: The Bourbon Diamond Quilts of MJ Kinman*; and the *AQS Authors' Showcase*.

The American Quilter's Society hosts several shows annually, each with its own quilt contest. Besides the Paducah, Kentucky show, AQS hosts other prestigious shows in Daytona Beach, Florida; Lancaster, Pennsylvania; Grand Rapids, Michigan; and Virginia Beach, Virginia.