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Congratulations Libby Lehman!

The poster features a vibrant, colorful quilt background. On the left, a photograph of Libby Lehman, a woman with short grey hair wearing a black and white patterned jacket, is shown waving. The 'The Quilters HALL OF FAME' logo is in the top left corner. On the right, the text reads:

Celebration
July 15-17, 2027
 FEATURING THE INDUCTION OF:
Libby Lehman

Libby Lehman is one of the most talented and creative artists in studio art quiltmaking — a fine art textile artist, author, speaker, teacher, and judge known for expert craftsmanship, seductive color, spatial complexity, and whimsy. An early innovator with machine quilting and thread embellishment, she helped redefine contemporary quiltmaking; her quilt "Joy Ride" was selected as one of the 100 Best Quilts of the Twentieth Century.

Lehman's over 30 years of teaching brought a rare gift for breaking down complex techniques into simple steps, paired with a warmth that nurtured others' passions. Her influence still touches and inspires the quilt world today.

At The Quilters Hall of Fame:



Snake River Log Cabin, Judy Martin, 2007, quilted by Sherry Rogers-Harrison

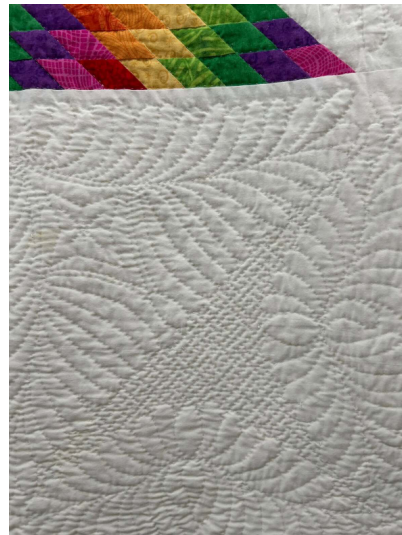
Don't miss these special quilts by Judy Martin, our 2026 Inductee to The Quilters Hall of Fame. Judy Martin made her first quilt in 1969 and was immediately hooked on the art form. Since that time, Martin has significantly influenced quilting in terms of craft, aesthetics, and industry standards. A master pattern designer and technician, her designs are distinctive for their remarkable complexity and high level of artistry. As a teacher, she instills empowerment in her students, while her meticulously accurate books have inspired countless quilters worldwide. This exhibit also features a quilt made by Judy's daughter, Kate Bennett.

Stop by the museum at 926 S Washington Street, Marion, Indiana, and be inspired and delighted!

The exhibition is open Tuesday–Saturday, 10am–4pm, now through October 3, 2026. We hope you can make it in soon!



San Diego Lone Star, Judy Martin, 2018, hand quilted by Judy Martin



San Diego Lone Star, detail



Crazy Quilt, Kate Bennett (Judy Martin's daughter)

Highlights from Celebration 2026



Judy Martin receives her Induction plaque.



Elaine Sholty and Ruthann Sumpter accept the Crystal Thimble Award for National Society Daughters of the American Revolution



Judy Martin's Quilts on display



Scenes from the Induction Luncheon





190 Years of Quilt History with Mary Jane Eichacker-Kaufmann



Quilts From the Collection: Georgia Bonesteel and



a Walk Down "The Street Where Quilters Live"

Watch: A Gallery Walk with Judy

Join Judy Martin for a gallery walk through her Celebration 2026 exhibit, as she talks about her career and the quilts on display. Watch on YouTube at: [Gallery Walk with Judy Martin](#)



Quilt Exhibits

The Marie Webster Quilt Guild again provided us with a beautiful display of quilts in the sanctuary of the First United Methodist Church. Thank you to the guild for the display and for all you do throughout the year for TQHF.



Hanging Propositions

We were thrilled to feature an exhibit from Studio Art Quilt Associates (SAQA) titled "Hanging Propositions." This regional art quilt challenge and exhibition, created by the Indiana region of SAQA, gave participating artists eight specific preposition prompts. Artists created small, slow-stitched fabric panels representing the literal or abstract meaning of each word.



What Freedom Means to Me

We were also thrilled to share the "What Freedom Means to Me" Challenge exhibit with visitors at Celebration 2026! It was fascinating to see the many different answers artists gave to that question — some turned to symbols like doves and rays of hope, others wove in words that captured freedom directly, and still others chose to represent it through tangible objects or more abstract,

intangible ideas. Thank you to every artist who had the courage to translate something so personal into fabric and thread.

We're already dreaming up ways to keep this kind of creative reflection going — stay tuned!





Coming in October:

American Quilt Study Group's traveling exhibit will be on display at The Quilters Hall of Fame October 6 - December 12, 2026. Participants of this exhibition were challenged to select a nineteenth-century quilt and to create a smaller replica quilt, interpreting the elements of the original quilt. These twenty-five quilts will be displayed with photographs of the original inspiration quilts and a personal statement by the quiltmaker about what they learned and reflections on the process.



We Need You! Front Desk Volunteers Wanted

The Quilters Hall of Fame is looking for friendly volunteers to help staff our front desk! Front desk volunteers are often the first face our visitors see, so we're looking for people who enjoy welcoming guests and have some familiarity with quilting to help answer visitor questions.

If you love quilting and enjoy meeting people from all over, we'd love to have you join our team! Just reply to this newsletter or give us a call at 765-664-9333 to learn more.

If you'd like to volunteer in other areas of our organization, we'd also like to talk to you!

Be Part of it All!

Please consider supporting The Quilters Hall of Fame by purchasing a membership today!

Your membership will help to:

- Showcase the honorees with exhibitions
- Provide a variety of educational programs
- Support our annual Celebration and induction of honorees
- Support ongoing development of the collection and research library
- Maintain a unique historical site.

The Marie Webster house is the only National Historic Landmark to honor a quilt maker.

Memberships

Thank you to all sponsors, members, and donors!



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