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The 2026 Great Wisconsin Quilt Show T-shirt features pink pollinators and flowers native to Wisconsin. Placed on a soft purple shirt and navy sweatshirt, the “coneflower” design is available in sizes S-XXXL. The canvas tote design showcases a quilter’s toolkit.

Tote bags are \$20 each, t-shirts are \$25 and sweatshirts are \$30, and will be available at the PBS Wisconsin booth while supplies last.

SERVICES

ACCESSIBILITY

The Alliant Energy Center is ADA compliant. More information about event accessibility is available at quiltshow.com/planyourvisit.

To request an accessibility accommodation, please contact us at quiltshow@pbswisconsin.org or call **608-265-3854**.

Wheelchairs and scooters are not available for on-site rental.

PACKAGE CHECK

For your convenience, a free package check service is located in the front lobby during show hours.

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THE GREAT WISCONSIN QUILT SHOW

SEPTEMBER 10-12, 2026

THURSDAY | 9 AM – 6 PM

FRIDAY | 9 AM – 6 PM

SATURDAY | 9 AM – 5 PM



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WELCOME TO THE GREAT WISCONSIN QUILT SHOW

“Sphere” (detail) created by Beth Nufer and quilted by Clementine Buzick, first-place winner in the 2025 Quilt Contest, category 10. Original Design.

Quiltmaking is one of the most profoundly American artforms, and The Great Wisconsin Quilt Show is proud to celebrate the talent and community of quilters across the country. Co-presented by PBS Wisconsin and Nancy Zieman Productions, this three-day gathering carries on the legacy of Nancy Zieman who taught us to be curious and fearless when we reach for fabric and thread.

Find inspiration in our 10-category Quilt Contest exhibit and our other special quilt exhibits, including the 2026 Great Wisconsin Quilt Show’s themed Quilt Challenge, “Semiquincentennial” and our featured quilt exhibits, “The Quilting Experience and Virtual Voyage: Pixels & Patchwork” presented by Victoria Findlay Wolfe.

Explore hundreds of educational opportunities, including free stage

presentations, all facilitated by expert educators.

Join our annual community service project, Quilt to Give, which creates quilts for Enchanted Makeovers and Domestic Abuse Intervention Services (DAIS). You can help by cutting or ironing fabric, sewing or donating fabric.

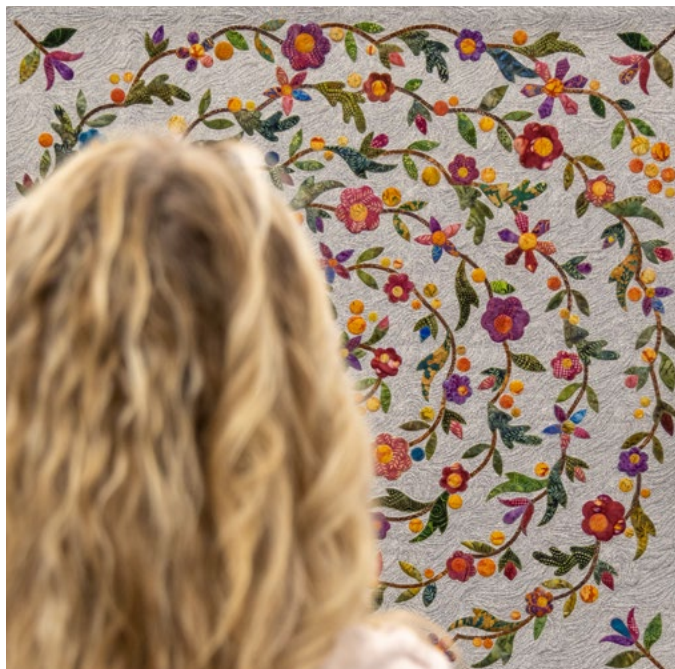
Plus, view our extensive list of vendors who travel to The Great Wisconsin Quilt Show to showcase the latest fabrics, threads, notions and sewing machines. With a vendor mall covering 100,000 square feet, you can fill an entire day with just shopping!

Thank you for joining and celebrating the art of quilting with us,

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QUILTS ON DISPLAY



QUILT CONTEST EXHIBIT

The Great Wisconsin Quilt Show's 10-category Quilt Contest exhibit showcases the talent of truly amazing quilters. Prizes will be awarded in each category, plus special prizes will be awarded to the Best of Show and Viewers' Choice. Be sure to vote for your favorite quilt to win the Viewers' Choice award.

BEST OF SHOW: \$1,500 PRIZE

Plus, cash prizes awarded in each category:

1ST PLACE	\$500
2ND PLACE	\$300
3RD PLACE	\$200

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MODERN MINI QUILT CHALLENGE EXHIBIT

Each spring, The Great Wisconsin Quilt Show hosts an online-exclusive Modern Mini Quilt Challenge, inviting participants to stitch a 24-inch-square (or smaller) quilt featuring a modern color palette. Admire an exhibit of entries from the 2026 challenge.

Want to join next year? This challenge is perfect for both new and experienced quilters! Follow **@WIQuiltShow** on Facebook and Instagram for details on the 2027 Modern Mini Quilt Challenge and to see more beautiful quilts throughout the year.



"Holding Up the Bridge" by Marty Swank,
first place 2026.



Come See What's New!

Stop by and check out our Brother sewing and embroidery machines at the Great Wisconsin Quilt Show!

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Thimbles For You



These sterling silver chatelaines are **hand made**. The sewing tools attach with a spring ring, so you can choose the tools you will need for hand sewing projects



"Rough Cut Diamond" (detail) by Susan French.



SPECIAL EXHIBITS

The Great Wisconsin Quilt Show is proud to present the following special quilt exhibits, including those generously loaned by groups from across the country:

ABYSS: Anglerfish & Octopus collections
presented by Cherrywood Hand Dyed Fabrics

Achromatic Exhibit
presented by The ThreadBenders

America250 Exhibit
presented by Quilting by the River Friends

Black Diamonds Quilts
presented by Friends of Klaudeen Hansen

Celebrating our Country's 250th Birthday Exhibit
presented by Prairie Lakes Quilt Club

Quilts by Heidi Parkes
presented by Heidi Parkes

Sacred Threads Traveling Exhibit
presented by SAQA

Second Nature
presented by Women Who Run With Scissors

Solo Exhibition
presented by Leah Evans

The Stock I Came From
presented by Black Threads

Watershed Exhibit
presented by SAQA IL-WI

The Great Wisconsin Quilt Show's: Kids' Quilt Challenge, Modern Mini Quilt Challenge, Semiquincentennial Quilt Challenge and Quilted Fashion Challenge



Quilt pictured: "Garden Delights," by Victoria Findlay Wolfe, quilted by Bethanne Nemesh, 2021, 82" x 93".

FEATURED EXHIBIT

The Quilting Experience and Virtual Voyage: Pixels & Patchwork Exhibits

Presented by Victoria Findlay Wolfe

Victoria Findlay Wolfe is a NY-based, international award-winning quilt artist, fabric designer, teacher and author. Her work has been exhibited globally in the U.S., Japan, Australia and the U.K. Raised on a farm in Minnesota, she learned to sew and quilt at age four. Her work is influenced by her grandmother's "scrappy" double-knit polyester quilts. She has a fine arts degree in painting and photography, and she applies those artistic principles, like color and composition, to her work. She's been featured in the 2019 PBS *Craft in America: Quilts* and on *Sewing With Nancy: Double Wedding Ring Quilts* in 2015.

STAGE PRESENTATION HIGHLIGHTS



World of Cosplay with Yaya Han

10:15 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 10

Join us for an interview with Yaya Han, cosplay entrepreneur and award-winning costume maker. Gain insight into the creative world of cosplay where costumes and accessories are created to look like specific characters from anime, video games and movies. Yaya shares how she learned to sew and how she turned her sewing hobby into a business. Includes audience Q&A.



Acolchado Bilingüe (Bilingual Quilting) with Lina Owen

11:15 a.m. Thursday and Friday, Sept. 10 and 11

Discover how quilting can bring people together across languages and cultures. In this presentation, Lina shares her experiences teaching quilting in both English and Spanish, the challenges of translating quilting terminology, and the importance of making quilting education more accessible to Spanish-speaking makers. Through personal stories and practical examples, she explores how language, culture and creativity can help build a more welcoming quilting community.



Quilted Fashion Show

10:15 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 12

Participants in the second-annual Quilted Fashion Show will walk the runway and share the story of their work. View garments and accessories created with quilting fabrics and/or piecing and quilting techniques in a special exhibit at the event, and join us for a fun-filled fashion show on stage.

STAGE PRESENTATION SCHEDULE

Enjoy free presentations by quilting masters who will share their ideas and expertise. The presentation stage is in the Exhibition Hall. No registration required.

THURSDAY, SEPT 10

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| 9:15 AM | Color and Contrast for 3D Effect with Ruth Ann Berry |
| 10:15 AM | World of Cosplay with Yaya Han |
| 11:15 AM | Acolchado Bilingüe (Bilingual Quilting) with Lina Owen |
| 12:15 PM | Honoring Our Vets Quilts of Valor |
| 1:15 PM | Caring for Your Collection Wisconsin Museum of Quilts & Fiber Arts |
| 2:15 PM | After the Piecing: Quilting with Bernina with Nina McVeigh |
| 3:15 PM | Quilting with Rulers Made Easy with Patricia Simons |
| 4:15 PM | Hand Yoga with Heidi Parkes |
| 5:15 PM | Exploring Secondary Designs In Quilts with Rebecca Lidstrom |

FRIDAY, SEPT 11

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| 9:15 AM | Color and Contrast for 3D Effect with Ruth Ann Berry |
| 10:15 AM | Professional Finishing with Janome |
| 11:15 AM | Acolchado Bilingüe (Bilingual Quilting) with Lina Owen |
| 12:15 PM | Honoring Our Vets Quilts of Valor |
| 1:15 PM | Caring for Your Collection Wisconsin Museum of Quilts & Fiber Arts |
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SATURDAY, SEPT 12

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| 9:15 AM | Color and Contrast for 3D Effect with Ruth Ann Berry |
| 10:15 AM | Quilted Fashion Show |
| 11:15 AM | Kids' Quilt Challenge |
| 12:15 PM | Honoring Our Vets Quilts of Valor |
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See new ideas and learn helpful techniques from leading quilting instructors in nearly 200 educational sessions.

- ▶ **SIT & SEW AND HANDS-ON WORKSHOPS**
- ▶ **ONE-HOUR LECTURES**
- ▶ **STAGE PRESENTATIONS***

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. Check workshop and lecture availability at the Class Ticket Sales Desk located in the front lobby. Seating is limited. *Stage presentations are free with admission and do not require registration.

Classes I want to take, notions I need and quilts I want to remember ...

QUILT APPRAISALS

by Robin Koehler and David Bailey

Quilt appraisals are a great way to insure against loss or damage and provide a written record that determines your quilt's fair market value.

For \$65, you'll receive a professionally written document for each quilt appraised. Each appraisal takes approximately 30 minutes, and information is held in trust between you and the appraiser.

Appraisals by appointment only. Availability is limited. Check availability at the Class Ticket Sales Desk during the show.

9 AM - 5 PM DAILY IN HALL B
CONFERENCE ROOM, OFF THE LOBBY



SPECIAL EVENING EVENTS AT THE GREAT WISCONSIN QUILT SHOW

Check special evening event availability at the Class Ticket Sales Desk located in the lobby.
Please note: evening events typically last 60-90 minutes.

Victoria Findlay Wolfe | The Quilting Experience 6 PM THURSDAY - \$24

Hear stories and inspiration from Victoria Findlay Wolfe, as she shares her creative process, with tips, exercises and encouragement for cultivating storytelling in your own quilting. Laugh, cry, get the warm fuzzies, and reflect on how our lives are sewn into the seams of our own work. Leave with inspiration to create your own quilting experience that's rich with memories and personal narrative.

Catrina J. Sparkman and the Black Threads Quilting Collective Artist Talk: The Stock I Come From 6 PM FRIDAY - \$24

Through voice, story and textile, the artists present a theatrical performance that illuminates personal and collective histories, tracing lineage, memory and the threads that bind generations. Part of "The Work of Remembering," a community-centered exhibition exploring how Black artists preserve history through textile and narrative, this special event extends the project beyond the gallery, inviting audiences into a deeply embodied experience of storytelling and tradition.



QUILT TO GIVE

Share your love of quilting by joining our community service project, Quilt to Give, which creates quilts for Enchanted Makeovers and Domestic Abuse Intervention Services (DAIS). Throughout the three-day event, Nancy Zieman Productions leads Quilt to Give on-site. Here's how to participate:

- ▶ **Plan 30 minutes or more to sit, sew and give**
- ▶ **Donate brightly-colored fabric (1/4 yard or more)**
- ▶ **Donate a finished, new twin- or bed-size quilt**

Volunteers are stationed at the Quilt to Give area each day of The Great Wisconsin Quilt Show to guide participants through the process.

9 AM - 3 PM DAILY IN THE ATRIUM



VOLUNTEER WITH



The Great Wisconsin Quilt Show thrives because of the generosity and enthusiasm of our volunteers. Whether it is setting up exhibits, welcoming guests, selling tickets, assisting presenters or monitoring the quilt displays, your contribution is invaluable.

Plus, when you volunteer, you support PBS Wisconsin's programming and community outreach projects. As a thank-you for your service, you'll receive complimentary admission and parking.

To volunteer for a three- to four-hour shift, please contact the PBS Wisconsin volunteer manager at **608-265-4436** or sign up at **quiltshow.com**.



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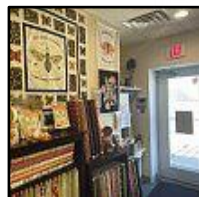
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FREE STAGE PRESENTATIONS

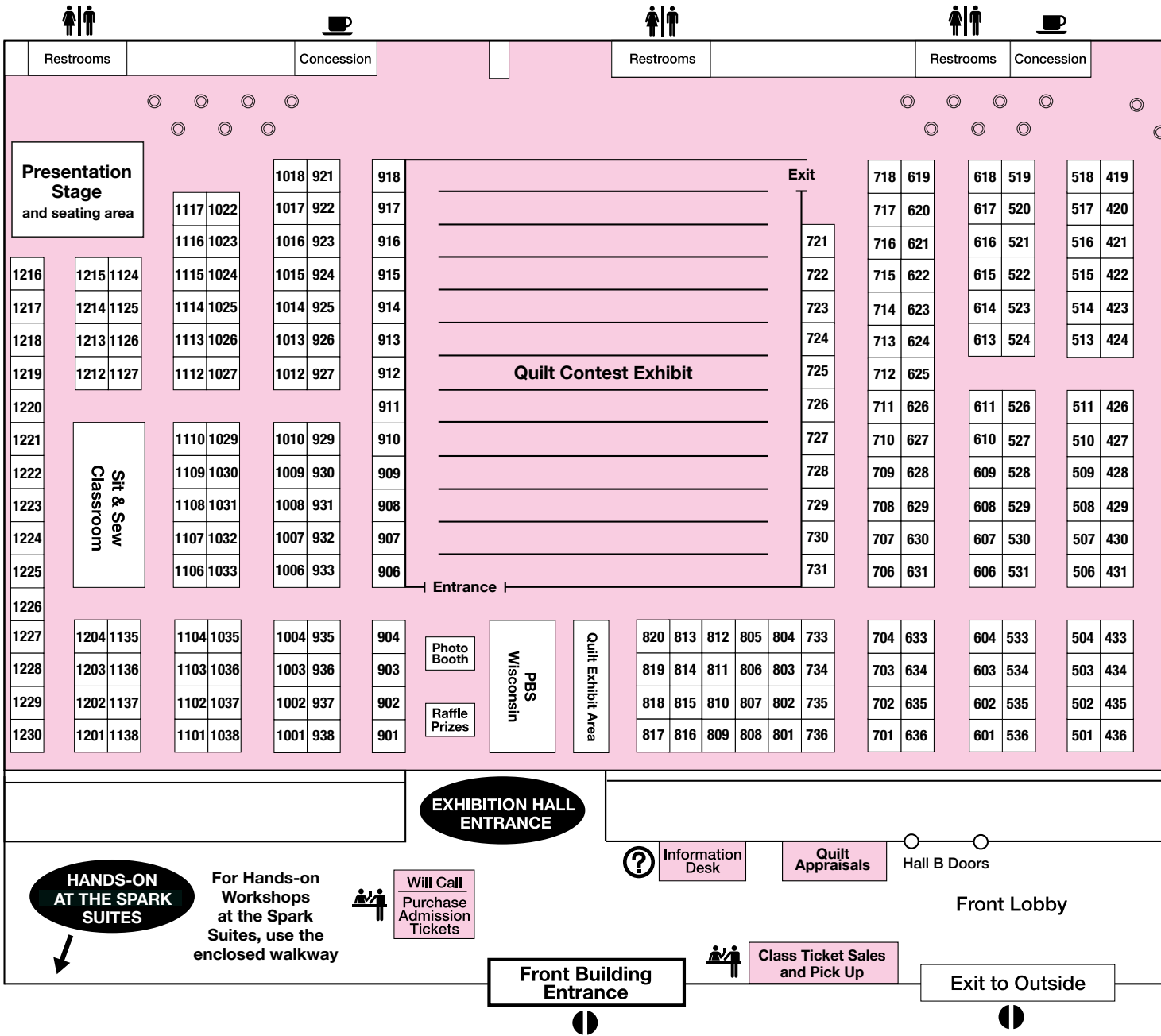
Located in the Exhibition Hall.
No registration required.

LECTURES

Located in the Mendota 4 and 8 classrooms and second-floor Lake Rooms. Registration and fee required.

HANDS-ON WORKSHOPS

Located in the Alliant Energy Center Board Room (second floor); Spark by Hilton meeting room (formerly Clarion, walkway near front building entrance); and at the Holiday Inn Express (610 John Nolen Dr.). Registration and fee required.



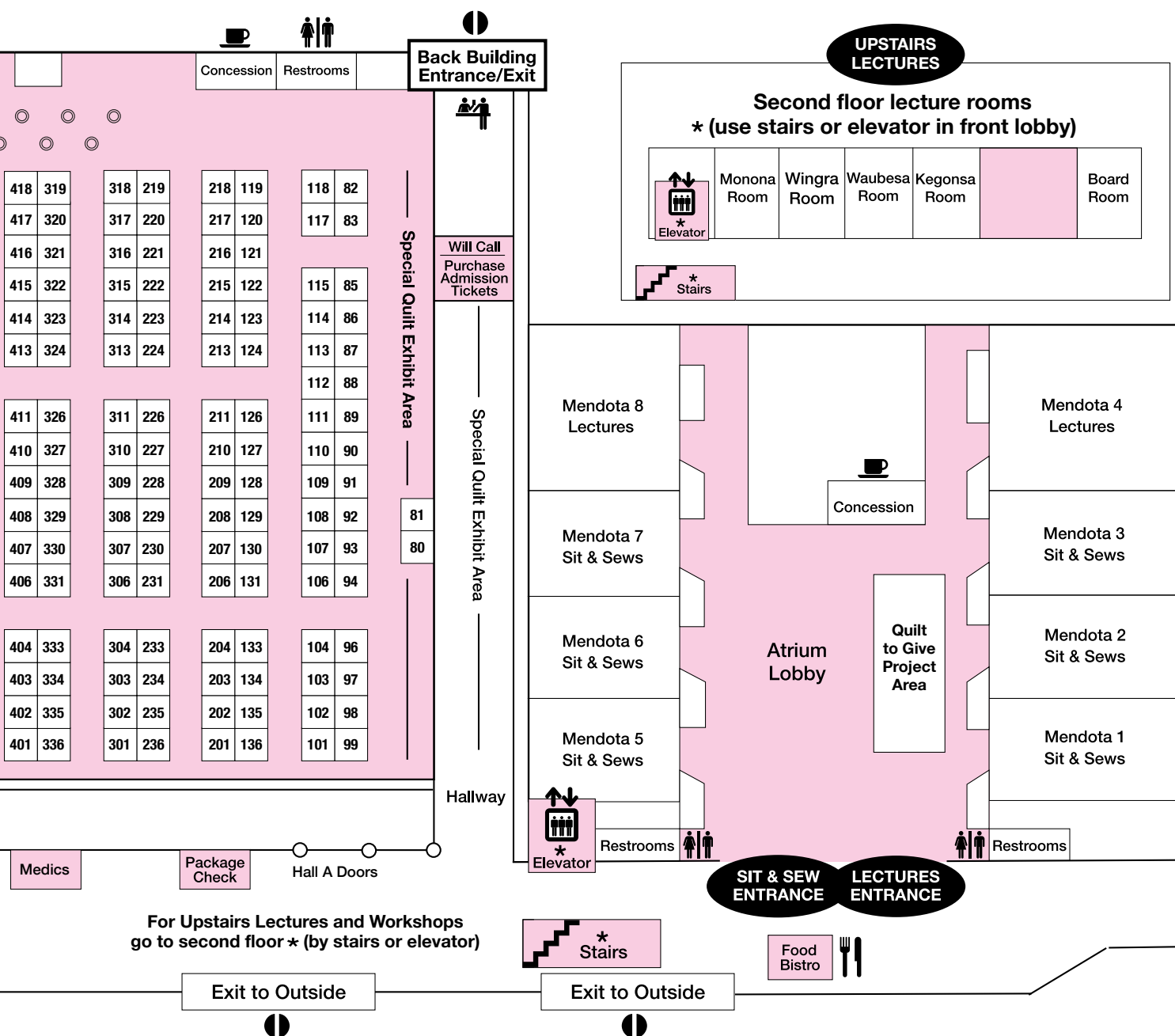
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SIT & SEW WORKSHOPS

Located in the Exhibition Hall and Mendota 1, 2, 3, 5-7. Registration and fee required.

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WIN GREAT RAFFLE PRIZES

Purchase tickets at the PBS Wisconsin booth. Tickets are \$3 each, four for \$10 or ten for \$20.

Raffle tickets will be sold until 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12. The drawing will be held at 3:45 p.m. and winners will be posted at the PBS Wisconsin booth soon after. Winners need not be present to win.

Proceeds support PBS Wisconsin programming and community outreach programs.



VALUE	PRIZE	DONOR
\$500	“Efflorescence” wool appliqué with embroidery wall quilt 32” x 38”	Carried Away Designs
\$500	Consummate Writer membership	The Creator’s Cottage
\$480	Arrow Sewing hydraulic sewing chair	Electric Needle
\$400	Yaya Han x Oliso collection	Oliso
\$350	Quilt themed art bowl	Kos Artistic Design
\$300	Collection of Fresh Jewelry pieces crafted with real flowers	Fresh Jewelry Co
\$300	Kits, Kits, Kits - I Love Kits! basket	Kentuckiana Country Quilt Shop
\$260	Foundations 12 wt and 28 wt collections	Aurifil USA
\$250	“Swaddled in Eban” baby quilt	Folk Quilts LLC
\$250	“What Primitive Gatherings is Known For” package	Primitive Gatherings Quilt Shop
\$250	Foundation Paper Piecing bundle	Sew That!
\$240	Essential Foundations bundle	Build A Quilt
\$218	Sherry’s Knit-n-Stuff rug and basket bundle	Sherry’s Knit-n-Stuff
\$215	Margo lap quilt kit and Stripology XL ruler	Blue Bar Quilts Inc
\$210	SCANFIL organic threads bundle	SCANFIL Organics - Forbitex USA



VALUE	PRIZE	DONOR
\$207	Mixed Ripple quilt kit and coordinating wideback backing	Rachel Ann Quilts LLC
\$205	Rulers, handles, safety guards and portable cutting mat	Cottage Mills
\$204	Simple Strips ruler set	Quilter's Rule - a division of Laser Excel
\$200	Felted wool and tools gift basket	All About Wool
\$200	VIP 40 sheet glitter fabric pack	Beach Potato Embroidery
\$200	Hand printed fabric panels, patterns and gifts for quilters	Block Party Studios Corp
\$200	Sewing pattern and material kit bundle	GlitterBugFairy
\$200	Piece by Piece package	Good With Sugar
\$200	Quilting bundle by the Stitch it! Sisters	Nancy Zieman Sew Studio & Quilt Shop
\$200	Gift certificate	Project Lydia
\$200	3D quilt kit	Quilter's Clinic
\$200	Gift certificate	QuiltHelp
\$200	Gift certificate	Sticky Roller LLC
\$200	Membership and \$150 in gift certificates	Textile Art Center of Madison

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"Lady Liberty: France's Gift To America," top and quilted by Laurie Landree.

AMERICA@250 INITIATIVE

PBS Wisconsin and WPR's America@250 Initiative includes events, programs and conversations designed to help communities connect and reflect on our shared history and the future of democracy.

We asked neighbors around Wisconsin for their thoughts on the 250th anniversary of the United States. Watch what they had to share, learn more and get involved at pbswisconsin.org/a250.

If you'd like to share your perspectives and learn about hosting an America@250 Community Conversation, visit booth 901 on Friday, Sept. 11.

ENJOY VIRTUAL UPDATES



Leading up to and during the event, we will record several short videos featuring interviews with quilting celebrities, presenters and vendors. These live videos will be shared on our Facebook page, website and on PBS Wisconsin's YouTube channel.

In addition to these live updates, PBS Wisconsin will record two long-form presentations at the event. We plan to share these presentations via social media and e-newsletters in the months following the event.

Additionally, The Great Wisconsin Quilt Show community convenes throughout the year on Facebook and Instagram, celebrating the work of our quilters and participating in online-exclusive challenges. Follow us on social media to be part of the year-round fun!

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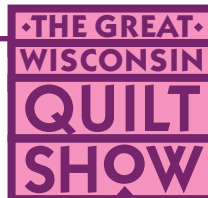


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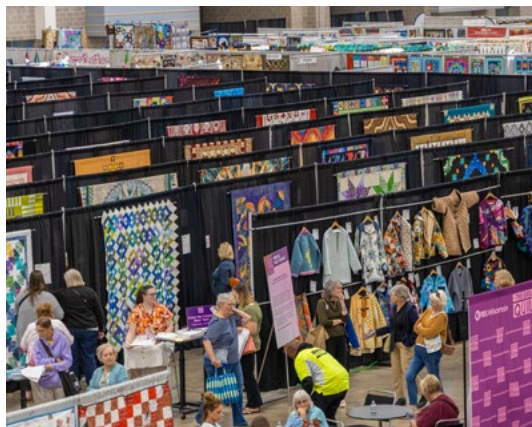
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Your donation helps us offer this annual event that offers inspiration, valuable educational opportunities and a space to gather. Please make a donation today at any level that is right for you: \$10, \$25, \$50 – or more? We appreciate any amount you can contribute.

Donate at quiltshow.com/support-us. You can also donate by calling PBS Wisconsin at **800-422-9707**. Please specify that your contribution is for The Great Wisconsin Quilt Show.

Thank you for helping us keep this beloved tradition thriving!



"Patchwork Posie Quilt" (detail) by Nancy Zieman.



ENTER THE 2027 THEMED QUILT CHALLENGES

Each year The Great Wisconsin Quilt Show hosts a themed challenge, and for 2027 we have two fabulous themes. In the "Patchwork Posies" Quilt Challenge, all quilts must be made from fabrics and represent a floral theme. Think blooms, blossoms, posies, buds bouquets and lush gardens.

And to celebrate the "Sewing With Nancy 45th Sapphire Anniversary" Quilt Challenge, all quilts must be made from fabrics that include a blue and/or blue and white color palette.

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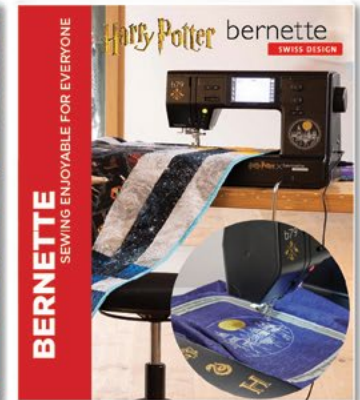
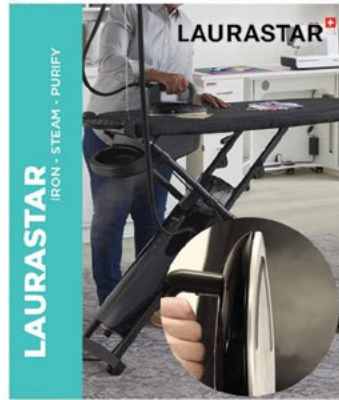
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