

Professional Art Quilters Alliance-South (PAQA-South)
is proud to announce its 2027 Juried Exhibition of innovative quilts:



ARTQUILTS^{stash}

March 10 - May 1, 2027

Page-Walker Arts & History Center; Cary, North Carolina

What's in a quilter's stash -- that accumulation of fabrics and notions and threads? Rainbows of color? Grandmother's unfinished projects? Family clothing hand-me-downs? Mom's button collection? A precious piece of Japanese silk?

Fiber artists: show us what's in your stash! Create a multi-layered fabric and thread work of art from your stash. Any theme, any style; embellishments and unusual finds may be incorporated.

SPECIFICATIONS

Only original and innovative works that reflect the theme "stash" will be accepted. They must have been completed since March 2025 and have not been exhibited at the Page-Walker Arts and History Center previously. Quilts must not have been made from a kit, nor made in a workshop with the aid of an instructor. *Quilts must be pieced and/or patched and have 3 or more layers joined by stitching.* All entries must hang on the wall and not exceed 60 inches in width or 72 inches in height. Each piece in a diptych and triptych will count as separate entities. Free standing 3-D pieces will not be accepted. Quilts may not contain images or text that are protected by copyright unless the artist has obtained written permission by the time of submission. The exhibit committee may request proof of copyright permission. Questions about specifications may be addressed to the exhibit chair at exhibit@paqa-south.org.

Works will be judged by creativity, originality, striking design, impact, creative use of materials, and strong interpretation of the theme, ARTQUILTS^{stash}.

CALENDAR

November 20, 2026: Submission opens at 12:00 AM EST
January 22, 2027: Entry Deadline 11:59 PM EST
February 5, 2027: Juror's Selection process is completed
February 15, 2027: Notification of acceptance to artists
March 1, 2027: Deadline for receiving quilts by mail or in person
March 10, 2027: Exhibit opens at Page-Walker Arts & History Center
March 19, 2026: Artist reception at Page-Walker Arts & History Center
May 1, 2026: Exhibit closes at Page-Walker Arts & History Center

SUBMISSION OF DIGITAL ENTRIES

ARTQUILTS^{stash} will be judged via digital images only. For each quilt submitted, please provide 2 high resolution JPEG (.jpg) image files. Images should be saved at 300 dpi and a maximum of 3MB per image. Each quilt should have 1 overall view in full frame and 1 close-up detail view.

[TIPS FOR PHOTOGRAPHY](#)
[HOW TO RESIZE IMAGES](#)

ENTRY FEE

There is no entry fee for PAQA-South members.

Non-members must join and pay the \$35 annual membership fee prior to submitting entries. You may submit up to three quilts. [PAQA-S Join Now](#) Membership in PAQA-South includes:

- * Networking and collaboration opportunities
- * Early registration for workshops
- * Eligibility to enter PAQA-South exhibits
- * Voting privileges
- * Common Threads meetings held monthly at Cary Quilting, Cary, NC

ACCEPTED WORK

Preliminary acceptance will be granted based on the acceptance of digital images. Final acceptance will be granted upon the receipt and examination of quilts. We reserve the right to eliminate entries that do not fit the specified guidelines and omit accepted quilts from the exhibition that do not contain the same qualities as the submitted images. Accepted works must be free of odors such as tobacco, perfume, and animal smells. Works that do not comply with this stipulation will be returned to the artist. The exhibit committee's decisions are final.

JUROR

Professional fiber artist, Nanette Zeller, has been selected as the juror. Her website: <https://www.nanettesewz.com/>

AWARDS

Three \$500 awards for excellence in design and relation to theme include: One Juror's Choice, one Members' Choice, and one Gallery Choice.

COMMISSIONS

Accepted entries may be sold at the discretion of the artist. The Page-Walker Arts & History Center does not collect a commission. Future venues may have their own commission policy. In the event the exhibit travels, participating artists will be notified of changes to commission policies. Works sold will not be available until after the closing of the final venue.

SHIPPING AND INSURANCE

Delivery instructions will be sent upon acceptance notification. Accepted art quilts may be hand delivered or shipped to the Page-Walker Arts & History Center in Cary, NC. Included with the delivery of the quilts, each artist will be required to include an artist statement, a photo of themselves, and a short biography. All shipping and in-transit insurance costs are the responsibility of the artist. Page-Walker Arts History Center will insure all quilts during the exhibition for full verifiable value.

PUBLICITY AND TRAVEL

Images of quilts may appear on websites, TV, video, printed promotional materials, newspapers, magazines, and electronic catalogs, or digital media produced or marketed by PAQA-South, Page-Walker Arts and History Center, the Town of Cary, or through future venues. For publicity purposes only, all entrants will be required to agree to a standard artist release of image use. We may seek additional venues for ARTQUILTS*stash*.

You will be asked to agree with these terms and conditions: "I agree to loan my artwork to PAQA-South. I certify that my art quilt(s) are my original designs. I also certify, if applicable, that I possess written permission to use and display any material in my art quilt that may be deemed copyright protected under current copyright law. I understand that the cost of all shipping and in-transit insurance of my artwork is my responsibility. In addition, I also give PAQA-South and participating venues permission to use images of my quilt (full and detail) and my artist's statement in the exhibit catalog, articles, ads, promotions, books, websites, blogs, digital media, current event news coverage, television productions, and/or multi-media productions for and about the shows/venues at which the exhibit may be seen.

REGISTRATION

Online registration opens at 12:00 AM EST Saturday, November 20, 2026.

The last day to register is Friday, January 22, 2027 at 11:59 PM EST.

REGISTRATION FORM

CONTACT exhibit@paqa-south.org

WEBSITE PAQA-South