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Local Quilter Semifinalist in International Quilt Show

Paducah, Kentucky, USA – Alisa Korunow and Marcia Zimmermann from Westfield are semifinalists for the 2017 AQS QuiltWeek® – Fall Paducah, Kentucky September 13 – 16, 2017, at the Schroeder Expo & Carroll Convention Center in Paducah, Kentucky.

Alisa and Marcia have been chosen to display the quilt, WANDERLUST, along with 369 others in this 1st 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 Winners Showcase, which takes place at the Walker Hall Events Center in Paducah at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, September 15. 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 WANDERLUST 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, "We are excited to display these beautiful works of art at the first ever AQS QuiltWeek in Fall Paducah. This event is an art show with fibers as the medium."

Quilts were entered in this international contest from 41 US states and 14 other countries. Come see a wide range of special exhibit quilts including: *New Quilts From an Old Favorite: Flying Geese*; *SAQA: The Declaration of Sentiments 1848—The Struggle Continues*; *Hoffman Challenge 2016*; *Australia Wide Five*; *Statler Challenge: Fall in My World*; *Quilting Impressionist Landscapes: Quilts by Noriko Endo*; *Freehand Patchwork by Danny Amazonas*; *Pam Holland – A Journalist in Fabric: The Stories Behind the Quilts*; *Vintage Made Modern Quilts: Collection of Brenda Groelz*; 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 Des Moines, Iowa.