

The 12th-Annual Quilt Expo, hosted by Wisconsin Public Television and Nancy Zieman Productions, took place September 8–10, at the Alliant Energy Center in Madison. A record-breaking 20,606 people attended the three-day event. The 2016 Quilt Expo featured:

- A 10-category juried and judged Quilt Contest Exhibit featuring 362 quilts and \$12,000 in cash prizes.
- A juried and judged Black & White Plus One Quilt Challenge featuring 70 quilts and \$600 in cash prizes.
- Six special quilt exhibit areas featuring 181 quilt and a Kids' Quilt Challenge featuring nine quilts.
- 126 informational lectures, 26 stage presentations, 30 sit & sew workshops, 18 hands-on workshops, which combined drew more than 8,000 participants.
- An 85,000 square foot vendor mall with 396 vendor booths representing 197 businesses and organizations from across the nation.
- Public Television sewing and quilting personality Nancy Zieman, host of Sewing With Nancy, who taught four lectures and greeted visitors each day.
- Two entertaining evening events, “Making Meaning: Creative Ways Quilters Celebrate” presented by Meg Cos and “Discovering Creative Inspiration” presented by Melissa Bourbon.
- A “Quilt to Give” community service project, during which bed-size quilts were collected and stitched on-site to donate to [Enchanted Makeovers](#) and [Domestic Abuse Intervention Services \(DAIS\)](#). Fifteen quilts were collected and an additional 12 were completed during the show. Thank you to the generous Quilt Expo attendees for donating fabric, time and quilting skills.
- Quilt Appraisals by Carol Butzke and Linda Honsberger, American Quilt Society certified appraisers.
- UW Health Go Red For Women distributed pedometers to attendees as part of their “Get in Step with Nancy” promotion to encourage heart health.
- The Quilt Expo raffle featured 31 prizes, each with a value of \$200 or more. The raffle raised more than \$10,000 to support programming on Wisconsin Public Television.

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The 2017 Quilt Expo will be held September 7–9 at the Exhibition Hall at the Alliant Energy Center in Madison.