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## Local Quilter Semifinalist in International Quilt Show

Mary Dillman from Woodlawn, IL is a semifinalist for the 2019 American Quilter's Society QuiltWeek event to be held April 24 – 27, 2019, at the Schroeder Expo & Carroll Convention Center in Paducah, Kentucky.

Mary has been chosen to display her quilt, *Shimmering Radiance*, along with 409 other quilts in the annual contest, now in its 35th year. Three quilting authorities will judge this elite group, awarding first-, second-, and third-place prizes in 16 categories, along with nine overall awards. Winners will be announced at the 35th AQS Awards Presentation, which takes place at the Carson Four Rivers Center in Paducah at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 23. Cash prizes totaling \$125,000 will be awarded. Regardless of how *Shimmering Radiance* places in the final judging, all semi-finalists' quilts will be displayed at the AQS QuiltWeek show, which is expected to draw more than 30,000 people.

Quilts were entered in this international contest from 44 US states and 16 other countries. AQS Founder and President Meredith Schroeder says, "Quilters submitted hundreds of beautiful quilts for the 35th annual AQS QuiltWeek in Paducah. The quilts this year represent a wide variety of colors, scale of prints, and techniques used." The American Quilter's Society hosts several shows annually, each with its own quilt contest.

Besides the Paducah show, AQS hosts other prestigious shows in Daytona Beach, FL; Lancaster, PA; Grand Rapids, MI; and Charleston, NC. For more information visit [QuiltWeek.com](http://QuiltWeek.com).