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Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum to Showcase Denver Modern Quilters

How New is Modern? exhibition links modern quilt design to quilting's long-standing heritage

Denver, CO – Modern quilts inspired by some of the art form's most well-known and classic designs will be featured in *How New is Modern?*, an exhibition of quilts designed and created by Denver-area modern quilters. On view October 23 through February 3, 2018, at the Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum, the display features 38 original quilts that demonstrate "modern traditionalism," where traditional quilt designs are updated and reimagined in fresh, unexpected ways.

Like traditional quilting whose roots run deep in America's culture, modern quilting has been around for some time. However, it wasn't until early in the 21st century, with the advent of online communities and social media networks, that quilts with a modern aesthetic began to appear in greater numbers, and the makers described themselves as modern. Today, while there are many definitions of modern quilting, common characteristics include the use of bold colors and prints, high contrast and graphic design, improvisational piecing, minimalism and expansive negative space.

"The Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum is pleased to bring this exciting exhibition to the public," said Karen Roxburgh, executive director of the museum. "These quilts represent modern interpretations of classic quilt designs from the museum's own collection. Whether traditional or modern, the common thread is the desire to create and express oneself with needle, fabric and thread. The result is a piece that is unique to the maker, where one's imagination is the only limitation."

"The Denver Metro Modern Quilt Guild, the local chapter of The Modern Quilt Guild, brings together quilters from all over the Denver metro area," said Shelby Skumanich, president of the guild. "Our members represent a wide range of talent and style, including award-winning quilters and many who have been at the forefront of the modern quilting movement. We appreciate the opportunity to present this exhibition that links quilting's past and future. Our hope is that viewers will be inspired to create in any style they choose so that the art form of quilting can continue well into the future."

***How New is Modern?* Exhibition Details**

- 38 original modern quilts will be on display; all are modern interpretations of traditional quilt designs curated from the Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum's collection.
- Show dates are October 23, 2017 to February 3, 2018.
- An opening reception is scheduled for 6 to 8 pm on October 27.
- The Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum is located at 200 Violet Street, Golden, CO.
- Museum hours are 10am to 4pm Monday through Saturday and 11am to 4pm Sunday.

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To view a **digital album** of all quilts on display, visit www.show.denvermetromodernquiltguild.org.