



2019-20 ANNUAL REPORT



International
Quilt Museum
UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA-LINCOLN

A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

When one reflects on the extraordinary time in which we are living, it is impossible not to think of it as “Before COVID” and “During COVID.” As we prepared this Annual Report of the International Quilt Museum’s activities and efforts from July 1, 2019-June 30, 2020, we found ourselves doing the same. It goes without saying, this year was not as we planned.

It is natural to mourn the programs and exhibitions that had to be restructured or postponed indefinitely. We are challenged by the loss of income sustained from a four-month closure and continued limited operations as we adhere to best practices that keep our visitors and team safe. It is authentic to acknowledge the mental, emotional and physical toll this experience has taken on all of us as individuals and a society. We miss what was and what is not.

Yet, while all of this rings true, what stands out to me is not all that has been lost; rather it is what we achieved.’

Since March, we have had to pivot in a way none of us has before. We created virtual pop-up exhibits and tours on our website. We provided continuous care to our collections and created additional online resources to help constituents preserve their own textiles. We developed programs and built a community that spanned the globe connecting with presenters and audiences via Zoom. Even this, our annual report, has been modified to reduce costs. We have had to adapt and will have to adjust more if we are to continue to fulfill our museum’s mission for years to come.

During this unprecedented time, we have also witnessed demonstrations calling for reform in our society. As an academic museum, we are committed to listening to and sharing the perspectives of others while confronting our own biases. We recognize the importance of documenting and studying our present for posterity. We have had frank conversations as a team. We have identified areas where we can grow as inclusive collectors and anthropologists. And we recognize that we still have much to learn. We are committed to listening and learning as we create a safe space where all are welcome and represented.

Going forward, we are ever aware of what we have lost. While we may grieve it from time to time, we are determined to honor the hard work and sacrifices made by so many. We will carry on to preserve the memory of those who have come and gone before us.

The hard work is not over. This past year has illustrated the power of working together, even when we are apart. Thank you for your support and belief in our mission. Together, we will persist, we will grow and we will thrive!

We wish you continued good health in the year ahead.



Leslie C. Levy
Ardis and Robert James Executive Director



COLLECTIONS

~800 ACQUISITIONS REPRESENTING:

Australia
Canada
China
England, United Kingdom
India
Israel
Japan
Pakistan
Persia (Iran)
Sudan
Syria
Tibet (China)
Turkey
United States
Uzbekistan

NOTABLE ACQUISITIONS

Red and White Quilts from
the Joanna S. Rose Collection
Chintz Quilts from the Poos Collection
Roderick Kiracofe Collection
Quilt National Collection
Eli Leon Collection
Kathlyn Sullivan Collection
Studio Art and Contemporary
Gloria Hall and Paul Pugley Collections
Rumi O'Brien Collection
Emiko Toda Loeb Collection
Shizuko Kuroha Collection

The IQM acquired facemasks made by makers
and artists to commemorate the global
volunteer COVID-19 mask-making response.



Facemasks made by, clockwise from left, Joe Cunningham,
Hanna Fons and Sheila Frampton Cooper

To see and learn more about this year's new acquisitions, watch videos presented by Curator of Collections Carolyn Ducey and Curator of International Collections Marin Hanson on YouTube.

Part 1: <https://youtu.be/OttINO9DdSk>
Part 2: <https://youtu.be/MbQGIXgPZ-8>

EXHIBITIONS

BEFORE COVID

“Dualities: Emiko Toda Loeb”

“Mourning Hope”

“Old World Quilts”

“New Views: Shapeshifters”

“The Story Quilts of Rumi O’Brien”

“Diana Harrison: Traces in Cloth”

“Studio Champloo”

plus multiple education and community
showcase exhibits

DURING COVID

“Variations on a Theme: Amish Quilts from the
1970s and ‘80s” (Virtual Pop-Up)

“Crazy Quilts and Mad Women” (Virtual Pop-Up)

“Judith Trager: Refugee Series” (Virtual Pop-Up)

Developed virtualsSelf-Guided gallery tours for
re-opening (Virtual Pop-Up)

Held virtual opening and artist panel to
celebrate “For the Love of Gaia”

Museum closed March 16 - Aug. 3

OUTREACH

BEFORE COVID

Gave tours to more than 3,500 Lincoln Public
Schools 4th grade students + teachers

Held First Friday events, including a program
by Rumi O’Brien and Bobbi Malone,
a Scherenschnitte Valentine Workshop,
Emiko Toda Loeb and more.

“Quilts” featuring the IQM aired nationwide
on PBS’s “Craft in America”

Hosted events and a pop-up exhibit in
conjunction with the University of Nebraska-
Lincoln’s Murdered and Missing Indigenous
Women’s (MMIW) programming

DURING COVID

Developed and wrote 42 quilt-related articles
for 2nd-6th grade students on ReadWorks

Held Virtual National Quilting Day on March 21

Launched Textile Talks, a weekly virtual lecture
series in collaboration with Modern Quilt
Guild, Quilt Alliance, San Jose Museum of
Quilts & Textiles, Studio Art Quilt Associates
and Surface Design Association

Launched multiple video series,
including Virtual Storytime, Three Things
About a Quilt and What in the World Do
These Quilts Have in Common?

ABOUT OUR VIRTUAL AUDIENCE

2,500+

took virtual tour of "For the Love of Gaia"

6,122

attended Virtual National Quilting Day

21,000+

subscribe to our Quilt of the Month newsletter

2,073

attended our April and May Virtual First Fridays

762

attendees for virtual opening of "For the Love of Gaia"

605,000

watched the premiere of "Quilts" on Craft in America

532

average number of Textile Talks LIVE viewers

18

Textile Talk viewers come from 18 countries around the world, including Argentina, Australia, Chile, Costa Rica, Denmark, France, the Netherlands, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Portugal, South Africa, Sweden, Switzerland, the UK, Uruguay and all across Canada and the United States

488

attended "Judith Trager: Refugee Series" virtual pop-up



WHAT OUR AUDIENCE IS SAYING

“The variety of focus in each week’s webinar talk is stimulating, informative and delicious.”
- Textile Talk Viewer

“I can not visit the museum because of distance, but your videos are the next best thing.”
- YouTube Viewer

“I look forward to Wednesdays and know I will get just what I need.”
- Textile Talk Viewer

“Amazing to learn about quilts from different countries.”
- YouTube Viewer

“This was amazing and so well done. Fascinating history and stories.”
- Facebook Viewer

“I also intend to become a member even though I live in the DC area and due to my age, I doubt I will ever be able to visit the Museum in person. I am excited about visiting you virtually.”
- YouTube Viewer

“This was wonderful. It is exactly what the Museum Studies class been reading about this week.”
- Facebook Viewer

“These talks are the highlight of my week!”
- Textile Talk Viewer

“That was interesting and thought provoking! Looking forward to the next episode.”
- Facebook Viewer

“In our days of pandemic social restrictions, these types of programs are rejuvenating and inspirational.”
- Textile Talk Viewer

“They make me feel less isolated during Covid 19.”
- Textile Talk Viewer



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4. Invite a friend to join you in viewing a Virtual First Friday
5. Enjoy Virtual Membership Benefits, including Quarterly Curator Teas and Video Bonuses
6. Encourage local educators to access the IQM content on ReadWorks
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9. Ask about sponsorship opportunities for upcoming virtual programs, such as lectures, workshops and exhibits
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