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QuiltCon Breaks Attendance Records, Announces Return to Raleigh Convention Center in 2026

Raleigh, NC – QuiltCon, billed as the largest modern quilting event in the world and held at the Raleigh Convention Center (RCC) earlier this year, today announced they broke attendance records with more than 25,000 visitors at this year’s event in Raleigh. That’s an increase of 25% over last year’s event in Atlanta.

“It’s clear that Raleigh’s accessibility both via air travel and car travel and heavy population of crafters and quilters combined to create our biggest QuiltCon yet,” said Elizabeth Dackson, director of events with the Modern Quilt Guild, the organization that hosts the annual event.

Each year, QuiltCon is held in February and celebrates the best in modern quilting. QuiltCon has been held in Austin, Pasadena, Savannah and Nashville. QuiltCon is the annual event of the Modern Quilt Guild (MQG), a worldwide non-profit association of more than 18,000 members in more than 40 countries around the world. The MQG has committed to returning to the Raleigh Convention Center in 2026.

QuiltCon welcomed attendees from around the world and featured a vibrant quilt show full of over 480 competition quilts, 80 community outreach quilts and many special exhibits, as well as a very busy vendor hall. QuiltCon’s booths, lectures and workshops are always curated with the modern quilter in mind.

“This is the kind of event that will completely change your perception of what it means to be a quilter,” said Kerry Painter, Executive Director of Raleigh Convention Center and The Complex, which includes Red Hat Amphitheater and the Martin Marietta Center for the Performing Arts. “These pieces and the artists behind them inspired creative thought and started important conversations. QuiltCon is the epitome of what we want RCC to be – a place that welcomes everyone and promotes a spirited and supportive community.”

Winners of the quilting competitions are posted here <https://quiltcon.com/quiltcon-2024-winners/> and include the Best in Show winner from Chapel Hill.

About Raleigh Convention Center

In the heart of vibrant downtown Raleigh, Raleigh Convention Center is highly sought after by meeting and event planners seeking hospitality and venue expertise supported by modern tech, gourmet catering and savvy customer service. Winner of the EXHIBITOR Magazine Centers of Excellence Award for four consecutive years, RCC is known for its innovative operations prioritizing sustainability, accessibility and education. The 500,000-square-foot space is LEED Silver-certified, GBAC STAR-certified and KultureCity Sensory Inclusive certified. It received the IAVM Education and Service Award and the VenuesNow Excellence in Concessions Award.

As part of Raleigh’s Complex of entertainment venues, it helps welcome over 1.3 million visitors every year and sits across from sister venues Red Hat Amphitheater and Martin Marietta Center for the Performing Arts. Explore more at raleighconvention.com.

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