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### ***Meredith Schroeder Biography***

**Meredith Schroeder** founded the American Quilter's Society (AQS) to promote the accomplishments of today's quilters on a national and international scale. She has built an integrated framework of book publishing, distribution, magazine publishing, appraisal certification, quilt shows and contests, underlined with a dedicated membership organization. The American Quilter's Society is the largest quilting organization in the world. Schroeder serves on the board of directors for the Paducah Bank & Trust Company, and she founded the Museum of the American Quilter's Society. She has served on numerous boards, including the Carson Four Rivers Center for the Performing Arts, Hope Unlimited Pregnancy Care Center, and Paducah Riverfront Development Authority. The first American Quilter's Society Quilt Show & Contest began in 1985 with \$25,000 in cash prizes. Twenty-five shows later, AQS has awarded over \$2.5 million in prize money paid directly to the quilters. Schroeder opened a second show and contest in Nashville, Tennessee in 2000, as well as events in Des Moines, Iowa in 2008 and in Lancaster, Pennsylvania in 2009. All contests award monetary prizes. Schroeder is the publisher of *American Quilter* and *The Quilt Life* magazines. She oversees the publication of 20 books per year on quilting techniques and patterns.