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Judy Schwender Biography

Judy Schwender is curator of collections and registrar at the National Quilt Museum in Paducah, Kentucky. Her undergraduate degree is in art education. She became a quilter while working as a wholesale fabric and notions sales representative in Idaho and Montana in the 1980s. Later, while working at Patchworks quilt shop in Bozeman, Montana, she developed several pieced-quilt classes and became interested in antique quilts and textiles. She earned a master's degree in textile history with an emphasis in quilt studies and a minor in museum studies from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Her master's project was the exhibit *Design Dynamics of Log Cabin Quilts: Selections from the Jonathan Holstein Collection*. She is a member and board member of the American Quilt Study Group. In 2007, Judy was co-presenter with Carrie Cox, Ph.D., the National Quilt Museum's curator of education, of *Quilt School: The Role of the Quilt Museum at Traditions and Trajectories: Education and the Quiltmaker*, a symposium sponsored by the International Quilt Study Center at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Schwender lives in Paducah and is a member of the Textile Art Group there.