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William Schroeder Biography

William Schroeder is a collector, quiltmaker, publisher and appraiser. He founded Collector Books in Paducah, Kentucky in 1969. He produced a bestselling book in the field of antiques, *One Thousand Fruit Jars with Current Value*. Since then, Schroeder Publishing has become a leader in the field of antiques. Books are published on subjects including antique furniture, dolls (contemporary and antique), glassware, pottery, Indian artifacts, tools, fishing lures and guns; and Schroeder's *Antiques Price Guide* is considered a must for dealers and collectors. In 1984, Schroeder and his wife Meredith formed the American Quilter's Society. The American Quilter's Society produces more than 30 how-to books each year as well as the *American Quilter* and *Quilt Life* magazines, and for more than 25 years it has produced the National Quilt Show and Contest in Paducah, Kentucky. In 1991, Bill and Meredith built the non-profit Museum of the American Quilter's Society in Paducah. In 2004, by an act of Congress, the museum was designated The National Quilt Museum. The museum houses more than 250 of the world's finest quilts. Schroeder has served on several local business and civic boards, including the holding company board of the Paducah Bank & Trust Company.