



Episode 8: Quilt Nation: 20,000,000 and Counting!

Introduction

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“Quilt making,” as one quilt maker says, “is the greatest mass movement nobody ever heard of.” The population of the American quilt world outnumbers those of many small countries, and yet most outsiders remain unaware of its size, diversity, and economic clout. In this episode *Why Quilts Matter: History, Art & Politics* goes inside this unseen world, meeting its participants, attending its events, analyzing its businesses, periodicals, support services, and technological advancements. Our experts also provide a bird’s eye view of the politics, as various festivals, artists and quilters struggle for the heart and soul of Quilt Nation.

Featuring appearances by Shelly Zegart, Ricky Tims, Bernie Herman, Caryl Bryer Fallert, Bonnie K. Browning, Susan Ball Faeder, Karen S. Musgrave, Meredith Schroeder, Janine Janniere, Justin Hancock, Mark Hyland, Judy Schwender, Gerald Roy, Gerry Montgomery and William Schroeder.

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