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**Celebrate the Life of Nancy Zieman and Be Part of the Great Wisconsin Quilt Show 4-H Virtual Community Quilt**

The 2020 Great Wisconsin Quilt Show Virtual Experience invites all youth and adult quilters, sewists and fiber artists to contribute to a virtual community quilt in celebration of Nancy Zieman, a groundbreaking entrepreneur, sewing and quilting designer and educator, and host of **Sewing With Nancy** whose life and work will be chronicled in the upcoming PBS Wisconsin documentary, **Nancy Zieman: Extraordinary Grace,** which will premierelater this year.

Zieman’s career in sewing and fiber arts was inspired by her youth participation in Wisconsin 4-H. She credited 4-H for many life skills including public speaking, problem solving, self-confidence, leadership and communication skills. 4-H project experiences allow youth a chance to explore their interests, creating pathways to both careers and lifelong hobbies.

Anyone who has been inspired by Zieman or 4-H is welcome to join in this interactive project that will result in a collective digital community-built quilt that will be available to view online as part of the 2020 Great Wisconsin Quilt Show Virtual Experience at QuiltShow.com.

Participants are asked to upload an image of a 6-1/2-inch fiber art square or quilt block (no larger than 2 MB) at QuiltShow.com/communityprojects, along with a statement detailing how Nancy Zieman and/or 4-H directed their fiber arts journey or career path.

Note: Fiber arts square or quilt block must be 6-1/2-inches square, and may be stitched, pieced, appliquéd, painted, beaded, mixed or other.

Entries are due by Sept. 1.

**The Great Wisconsin Quilt Show** virtual community quilt(s) will be shared at QuiltShow.com/digitalquilt as part of the virtual experience, Sept. 10-12. You’ll also be able to scroll through and read stories from participants across the country whose lives have been impacted by Nancy Zieman and/or 4-H.

Registration for the free 2020 **Great Wisconsin Quilt Show** is now open and available at QuiltShow.com. Users can find full information about interactive educational lectures, a virtual vendor mall and multiple digital quilt exhibits, including the annual judged and juried Great Wisconsin Quilt Show Quilt Contest.

**The Great Wisconsin Quilt Show** is presented by PBS Wisconsin and Nancy Zieman Productions LLC. Proceeds from **The Great Wisconsin Quilt Show** support PBS Wisconsin programs and community outreach projects.

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