



The Quilters Hall of Fame Honors Dr. Carolyn Mazloomi



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The Quilters Hall of Fame (TQHF) will celebrate and honor the art and career of <u>Dr. Carolyn L. Mazloomi</u> in Marion, IN, on July 14-16, 2016. She joins other famous <u>honorees</u> such as *Marie D. Webster (1991), Michael James (1993), Nancy Crow (1997), Eleanor Burns (2012)*, and many more honorees.

Dr. Mazloomi is a quilt historian, artist, curator, author, and a trained aerospace engineer. In the 1980s, she began focusing on the many unrecognized contributions of African American quilt artists and bringing them to the attention of people in the art community – both nationally and internationally. In 1985, she founded the <u>Women of Color Quilters Network</u> (WCQN), a non-profit organization to foster and preserve the art of quiltmaking among women of color. Her organization has been recognized by the International Labor Department in Geneva and the United Nations for its developmental programs to help advance women.

To date, Dr. Mazloomi has published nine books highlighting African American-made quilts. Her artistic work, as well as her defense of solid research, has disrupted long-standing myths about African American quilts.

Dr. Mazloomi's quilts can be found in private collections around the world as well as museum collections in the United States. Her pictorial narrative quilts make plain her personal themes: family life, women's rights, political freedom, and musical legacy. Her quilts have been included in over 70 exhibits and she has curated 17 exhibits of quilts made by members of the WCQN, many of them traveling exhibits.

Dr. Mazloomi's other honors include the 2003 Ohio Heritage Fellowship Award, the first such award for any Ohio citizen, and in 2014 she was named a National Heritage Fellow by the National Endowment for the Arts, the highest award given in the United States for traditional arts.

Please join us in congratulating Dr. Carolyn L. Mazloomi on her 2016 induction to The Quilters Hall of Fame. See some of her amazing work below.





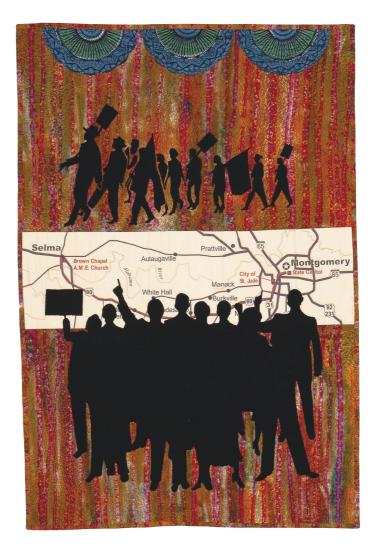
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