

Textilmuseum St.Gallen

9th European Quilt Triennial 23.05.2025 – 14.09.2025

In this show, 45 contemporary quilt and textile artworks from eleven countries demonstrate that creativity, artistic inspiration and time-critical statements are not exclusively reserved for painting, sculpture, graphics and photographic art. The high-level exhibits were selected by a five-member international jury from over 130 submissions.

The development of the 'quilt' art form from a predominantly functional blanket to an autonomous work of art over the last 50 years is impressive. For instance, the exhibition features a floor object entitled 'Polar bear, I don't want to be a polar bear, in the warm polar', which is both expansive and political. The number of young female applicants, seven of whom made it into the exhibition, was pleasingly high. The prize for talented young quilters went to Slovakia for a three-dimensional work that deals with intergenerational cohesion.

The Swiss artist Judith Mundwiler, winner of the Doris Winter Memorial Prize in 2018, received the prize for innovation in a large format for her work 'Fragments of Everyday Life', a contemporary document made from scraps of paper thrown onto Post It notes. This year, the Doris Winter Memorial Prize 2024 was once again shared between two objects of equal value, both of which deal with the effects of brain diseases or overload: 'Dementia - Sinking into Oblivion' by Christa Ebert (Germany) and 'Kopflast' (Overhead Load) by Monika Sebert (Germany).

The St.Gallen Textile Museum will be presenting the show from 23 May 2025 to 14 September 2025, with further stops planned for the travelling exhibition.

Duration: 23.05.-14.09.2025
Location: Textilmuseum St.Gallen
Curation: Dr. Kristine Scherer, Kurpfälzisches Museum
Heidelberg, Textilsammlung Max Berk

Please note that in the coming months we will be showing two further exhibition projects in the lounge of the Textile Museum that deal with the subject of 'quilts' in very different ways:

Bosna Quilts (9 May - 29 June 2025)

Òwú. Fil. Faden. Thread (4 July - 14 September 2025)

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