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For immediate release to all parties:

It is with great sadness that we officially announce the cancellation of the 2026 Pacific Northwest Quilt Festival. We regret that, though court proceedings did go our way on Tuesday, 2/10, there simply was no time to execute the physical requirements of setting up the space, collecting quilts and getting them displayed and judged in the one day we had available after the injunction hearing concluded.

While an injunction was not issued against the festival continuing, there is still a lawsuit pending, which will go to mediation over the next few weeks and there is still the possibility of a jury trial if mediation is unsuccessful.

In an abundance of caution, the volunteer planning committee which executes the Pacific Northwest Quilt Festival has chosen not to proceed with any further planning until the pending lawsuit has been resolved.

If you have pre-purchased tickets, Ticket Tailor will begin issuing refunds shortly.

If you registered a quilt to be displayed and/or judged, we will begin issuing refunds through our Stripe app shortly. This applies for Iron Quilter teams as well.

If you are a sponsor, guild or vendor, we will be making a refund to you by check by the end of this week. We know this decision impacts you maybe the most and truly apologize for how things turned out. We hope to be able to rebuild your faith in this festival.

If you purchased a raffle ticket for the beautiful quilt donated to us to be awarded; the quilt is on display at Will-N-Bee's Quilt & Coffee Shoppe, where tickets are still available and the drawing will take place on Saturday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, as planned. Proceeds from this drawing go to Center for Hope & Safety, as planned.

If you were a volunteer scheduled to work over the next 3 days, we appreciate you having offered your time and look forward to working with you again in the future. We truly could not do this without you!

We appreciate all the kindness and support which has come our way through these difficult days and look forward to the time when we may announce the next Festival. It really does take a village to put on a show like this and we are so appreciative of all of you!

If you have any further questions or input, anyone is welcome to contact us at [pnwquiltfestival@gmail.com](mailto:pnwquiltfestival@gmail.com); we welcome community input, for we are here to serve you.

Happy quilting, friends!

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