

## CATEGORIES AND DEFINITIONS

- **Finished quilts are to be entered for judging in the categories defined below.**
- **Special Exhibits, its jurors, or judges reserve the right to move an entry to a category other than the one in which it was entered without notifying the entrant.**
- **Final placement will be at the discretion of the judges.**

### **Please Note:**

- If you **paid** someone to quilt your quilt or to do any other work on it, this is work-for-hire and is not allowed in this show. (See Rule 3)
- It is the entrant's responsibility to obtain all necessary copyright releases for work that is covered under the copyright laws of the United States. This may include work derived from or copied from the photo or art of another, quilts made from patterns, etc. You must also give proper credit for the design on the entry form. Entrant will provide Special Exhibits with a copy of the copyright release upon request. (See Rule 27).
- All entries must remain on display for the duration of the show.

## CATEGORIES

### **Abstract**

This category features abstract, cutting-edge, and non-literal, non-traditional quilts, the emphasis being on color, line, and design. It includes alternative techniques, such as thread/ribbon/yarn embellishments and fabric manipulation or quilts whose visual impact is created with buttons, beads, fabric origami, embroidery, hot-fixed crystals, felting, couching, attached fibers, etc. The basic design of the quilt may also be painted in this category. The "painting" on the surface of the quilt may be produced with paints, dyes, colored pens, colored pencils, etc. Any design that yields an abstract image on a quilt surface would belong in this category. Quilts in this category may be any size within the rules.

## **Appliqué**

Quilts in this category can be appliquéd with any appliqué technique. Quilts may be based on traditional style patterns and sets, or they may be derived from fundamental changes to established patterns and sets. Quilts in this category may be any size within the rules. If they are smaller than 25" (65 cm) and reflect reduced scale, they should be entered into the Miniature category.

## **Hand Quilted/Handmade**

Quilts in this category may be made completely by hand. Any hand quilted quilt may also be entered in this category. Quilts in this category may be any size, within the rules, except miniature.

## **Machine Quilting**

Quilts in this category have an emphasis on the quality of the quilting stitches and quilting pattern. Any quilt, machine quilted on a frame-mounted or stationary machine may be entered in this category. Wholecloth quilts, quilted on a frame machine, except for miniature quilts, should be entered in this category. Quilts in this category may be any size, within the rules, except miniature.

## **Pictorial—Large**

This category features any art quilt that illustrates a recognizable image, such as objects, still life, cityscapes, warm or cold-blooded animals, people, portraits, or figures, etc. Non-realistic animals, insects, people, places, or things may also be entered in this category. Also eligible are fictitious creatures and fairytale or cartoon-type quilts and naturescapes which contain aspects of natural scenery in natural surroundings. Quilts based on realistic photographs would be entered here. This is for non-traditional quilts. Minimum width 37" Maximum width 100" – Minimum height 37" Maximum height 100"

## **Pictorial—Small**

This category features any art quilt that illustrates a recognizable image, such as objects, still life, cityscapes, warm or cold-blooded animals, people, portraits, or figures, etc. Non-realistic animals, insects, people, places, or things may be entered in this category. Fictitious creatures and fairytale or cartoon-type quilts also belong in this category. Naturescapes which contain aspects of natural scenery in natural surroundings, may be entered. Quilts based on realistic photographs would be entered here. This is for non-traditional quilts and quilts that do not fall within the miniature definition. See Sizes below.

## **Pieced**

Quilts in this category should be pieced. Quilts may be based on traditional style patterns and sets, or they may be derived from fundamental changes to established patterns and sets.

If they are smaller than 25" (65 cm) and reflect reduced scale, they should be entered into the Miniature category.

## **Miniature**

Quilts in this category should have overall **traditional** patterns reflecting reduced scale and miniaturization. If blocks are used, they should be no larger than 4" (10 cm) square. Miniature wholecloth quilts should be entered in this category. Quilts must measure less than or equal to 24" (60.5 cm) on each side. **\*We are no longer accepting art quilts in this category, please enter all miniature to small art quilts in the Small Pictorial Category.\***

## **SIZES: (for Categories: Abstract, Applique, Hand Quilted/Hand Made, Machine Quilting, Pieced)**

- Width=side-to-side, minimum width is 25 " (64 cm), maximum width is 100" (254 cm)
- Height = top-to-bottom, minimum height is 25" (64 cm) maximum height is 100" (254 cm)

## **SIZES: (for Categories: Miniature and Large and Small Pictorial)**

### **Large Pictorial**

- Minimum width 37" Maximum width 100" – Minimum height 37" Maximum height 100". Neither the width nor the height may exceed 100" (254 cm).

- **Small Pictorial**

One width measurement + one height measurement of the quilt must be between 30" and 73"(76 cm and 185 cm) For example 12" wide + 18" height =30".

### **Miniature Quilts**

- Width = side-to-side, minimum width is 12" (30.48cm), maximum width is 24" (61 cm)

- Height = top-to-bottom, minimum height is 12”(30.48cm), maximum height is 24” (61 cm)

## **OTHER DEFINITIONS**

### **Original**

A work composed firsthand – a fresh design or style. A creation produced requiring thought, without replicating the works of others.

### **False Back**

A false back is an extra backing fabric that is added to cover the back of a quilt. It prevents the quilting stitches from being seen when viewed from the back. False backs are not allowed in the show.

### **Kit Quilts**

Composed of patterns, fabrics, and quilting designs packaged as a unit for retail sale. This includes packaged patterns and fabrics for workshops or classes, blocks-of-the-month, and pre-printed wholecloth quilt tops. These are not allowed in the show. Reproductions or adaptations of kit quilts will not be accepted.

### **Work-for-Hire**

Any work done for payment of any kind, including a business arrangement. This is not allowed in the show.

### **Pre-Quilted Fabrics**

Fabric that is quilted at the time of purchase. This type of fabric cannot be used.

### **Glitter**

Due to transfer issues with glitter on quilts, glitter fabric, or any type of attached glitter on quilts will cause the quilt to be disqualified.

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