

See all the finalists at the Salt Lake City & Long Beach Shows! ANNOUNCING THE WINNERS IN "A CELEBRATION OF COLOR" JUDGED SHOW!

HOUSTON—June 28, 2022—International Quilt Festival today announced the winners for the judged show that's all about hues and shades, "A Celebration of Color."

This annual judged competition is open to quilters working in any style who like to play with color to create a vibrant work. A \$1,000 Best of Show Award and three \$500 prizes each in Traditional, Modern, and Art categories were awarded. Quilts are hand or machine, appliquéd, pieced, or wholecloth. **The prize money was sponsored by eQuilter.com**

"Color is a language that speaks to us without words. As artists and makers we communicate so much with color. The things that bring us the most pleasure in Nature are because of color—pink cherry blossoms, red maple leaves, the Golden Hour, blue skies, purple shadows, the fresh greens of springtime, and clear turquoise waters," says eQuilter.com President and Co-Founder, Luana Rubin.

"Color is one of the great pleasures of being alive on Planet Earth! We respond to color instinctively because we know it can be calming, energizing, and healing. I have worked as a color trend forecaster in the garment and textile industries for 40 years. To me, it is the single most effective element in design and art."

International Quilt Festival Founder and Director Emeritus Karey Bresenhan adds "This is hands down one of my favorites of all our exhibits, because I adore the creative and inventive use of color in quilts. And our attendees at the upcoming Festivals will have the opportunity to see not only the top four winners, but *all* of the finalists."

The Salt Lake City Quilt Festival is July 21-23 at the Salt Palace Convention Center in Salt Lake City, Utah. The Long Beach Quilt Festival is August 4-6 (with classes beginning on August 3) at the Long Beach Entertainment & Convention Center in Long Beach, California. For information on these and other Quilts, Inc.-produced shows and events, visit Quilts.com.

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GRAND PRIZE WINNER

Celebration #2 (64" x 84") Caryl Bryer Fallert-Gentry of Port Townsend, Washington, USA. Hand-dyed, Machine Appliquéd, Machine Pieced, Painted (Over 50%); original design.

Artist's Statement: "This quilt is a celebration of pattern and color. The design grew out of a series of abstract sketches, loosely based on some original, spiral quilting patterns that I have used in many of my quilts."

WINNER, ART Clamshell Surprise (63" x 77") by Lou Ellen Hassold of Nomangee, Texas, USA. Machine pieced; design source: "Clamshells" pattern by Judy Niemeyer.

Artist's Statement: "I wanted a vivid, interesting look for my version of Judy Niemeyer's 'Clamshells.' The quilt was made from a variety of Kaffe Fassett scraps, paired with Moda Grunge fabrics. I was pleasantly surprised by the results, as the quilt was even brighter than I imagined. It almost seemed to glow, as if lit from behind. Valerie Wagner's quilting design adds a lovely texture."

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WINNER, MODERN Chroma Infinitum (70" x 68") by Susan McKinney of Waltham, Massachusetts, USA/ Machine pieced.

Artist's Statement: "Ordered chaos and infinite color. A promise of what lies beyond what is seen. *Chroma Infinitum* is paper-pieced in over 50 colors from 77 unique block templates. The tessellated triangles were digitally drawn, no two triangles alike, then quilted by machine."





WINNER, TRADITIONAL *Twenty Baskets Full of Flowers* (86" x 86") by Rossillis Rosario. Hand appliquéd, Hand embroidered; design by Emily Senuta.

Artist's Statement: "One day, looking at different books, I found one by Emily G. Senuta. When I saw all the beautiful flowers, I was compelled to make this quilt. It took me two years to make, and I used about 70 different fabrics."

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