

QUILT SHOW 2010 POLICIES

Who is Eligible: Entries for voting will be accepted only from members of Quilters Anonymous. Previous members must have paid their renewal dues by Sept. 15, 2009, so their names are in the 2009-2010 roster, and must have contributed a minimum of 4 hours effort to the 2009 quilt show. Members who joined for the first time after March 15th 2009 and who have paid their dues by September 15th 2009 are eligible to enter the show and are exempt from the 4-hour requirement. New members (not having been a member before) who have paid their dues prior to December 31, 2009 may enter the quilt show and are exempt from the 4-hour requirement. Entrants in the Youth Quilter special display must be affiliated with or related to a QA member. Special Display entries may be made by individuals not meeting these criteria at the discretion of the Show Committee Chairs.

What is Eligible: Entries in voting categories must have been made with the participation of a QA member in good standing according to the Standing Rules. A quilt previously entered into a voting category or non-voting Showcase cannot be entered into voting categories or non-voting Showcase. Entries in Special Displays must meet criteria established and published for that display or must have been approved for inclusion by the Show Committee Chairs.

Entry Limits: Members may enter up to three quilts in the 18 categories listed in the previous section (17 voting categories and the non-voting Showcase). Members may enter one additional "freebie" entry in each of the following three voting categories: Miniature, Accessory/3-D, and Wearable. The Membership Challenge, and other by-invitation, pre-arranged, or member-eligible Special Displays (such as previous year's winners) do not count against the three-entry limit.

Challenge Entries: Each member may enter 1 item in the Membership Challenge category. Membership Challenge entries must be made and entered individually by one member according to the rules established by the Challenge Committee for the Quilt Show 2010 and published in the November 2009 Newsletter.

Special Displays Entries: Special Displays and Showcase are non-voting categories and receive no ribbons. Special Displays have been planned by the Show Committee. Special Display entries are limited only by the space available.

Categories: Entry categories for the show are published in the Quilt Show Details in the 2009-10 Roster. To achieve an equitable and manageable number of entries within each category, the Show Committee reserves the right to divide large categories into voting sub-groups based on size once all registration forms have been received.

Registration: Each entry requires its own registration form – one item per form. Each "Special Display" entry must also be entered on its own registration form unless an exception is arranged with the Show Committee. Registration can be done by mail or online. Registration forms are available in the November 2009 Newsletter or online on the guild's web page (www.quiltersanonymous.org).

Registration Deadline: Online registration will begin on Tuesday, November 17, 2009. Completed registration forms must be postmarked no later than Thursday, January 7, 2010. Online registration must be electronically transmitted no later than midnight on Tuesday, January 12, 2010. Members are responsible for verifying their entries, listed on the QA website January 18 - 22, 2010, and any changes that are needed must be submitted by midnight on January 22, 2010.

Quilt Show Capacity: It is our intention to have space to display every quilt that is registered and to include all special display items as registered and planned. However there is a limit to the space available. In the event the Layout Chair determines there are more quilts than can be adequately hung in the space available, the Show Committee reserves the right to request the withdrawal of entries. Our first efforts will be focused on compressing the special displays and all hanging spaces for voting categories. If absolutely necessary, an anonymous drawing will be held. This will give all members an equal chance of getting a quilt shown in the Special categories (Chicken Quilts and Tradition Meets Innovation). The

drawing will be done so that each person entering a quilt in that category will have a chance to have a quilt shown. Then if space allows, a second series of quilts will be chosen until the space is filled. This will allow as many different people as possible to have their quilts shown, and then as many different quilts as possible until all space is utilized.

Hanging Sleeve Requirement: All quilts are to have a hanging sleeve attached and must not exceed 90" in hanging length unless entered in the Large quilt category. Quilts exceeding 90" in length may be entered in the Large category and hung full-length (with the sleeve placed at the top edge of the quilt) or they may be entered in another category and hung from a sleeve that is attached at the 90" mark.

Large Quilt Entry Limits: The Show Committee reserves the right to place an upper limit on the number of entries in the Large category, based on space and equipment limitations. Large quilt entries may be closed before the registration deadline in which case quilts may be entered in an alternate category and hung at a maximum length of 90".

Awards: Ribbons will be awarded to QA members according to the results of voting as follows. Youth entrants sponsored by a QA member will be given a participation ribbon. Voting by the visiting public will determine the awarding of 1st, 2nd, 3rd Place and Honorable Mention ribbons as described in the 2010 Quilt Show Details. Because we want, where possible, to recognize the contributions of all our participating members, we will award two ribbons for all *Duet* category winners in which both makers are QA members in good standing. In addition to the category winners, voting by the viewing public will determine a *Viewer's Choice* award, as well as *Best Hand Appliqué*, *Best Hand Quilting*, *Best Machine Quilting*. QA members voting at the preview Party will determine winners of the *Membership Challenge*.

Definitions:

Solo: The item must be made entirely by a single QA member, including all parts of the top, quilting, and finishing.

Duet: The item has been made by no more than 2 people, one of whom must be the QA member entering the item in the Show. The "making" of the item includes any phase of design, construction, quilting or finishing. This includes quilts professionally-quilted.

Group: Three or more people have made the item, of which one must be the QA member who is entering the quilt and who has contributed a good percentage of the work toward the completion of the item. This contribution can include design, directions, assembling, quilting, or finishing the quilt; a statement must be submitted with the registration identifying the member's participation.

Large: A quilt with a hanging length of more than 90" that has a hanging sleeve attached at the edge and will be hung full-length.