

**All quilts must be pre-registered prior to Quilt Show.**

A maximum of three quilts per exhibitor may be entered in the exhibition. Due to space considerations, registration forms will be accepted until 4:00 pm, Tuesday, March 31, 2026 or until our limit is reached. All quilts must be pre-registered for the Quilt Show and adhere to the following exhibit guidelines:

**All entries must:**

- Consist of three layers; two layers of cloth filled with "batting" material and held together by a stitched design, with stitching being distributed throughout the work.
- Never have been shown in the main exhibit at previous Quilt Shows at Sauder Village.
- Include significant piecing and/or appliquéd which affects the overall design if preprinted panels are included in the quilt top.
- Be quilted, either by hand or machine or both, in a process separate from the construction process. Quilting is defined as a running stitch through the top, batting & backing. *Does not apply to the Art / Innovative Quilts category*
- May be embellished with material other than cloth.
- Fit the definitions of the selected category. Please look carefully at the category definitions before registering.
- Rag quilts, tied quilts, quilts with false backs, t-shirt quilts and quilts with comforter loft batting are not eligible for entry into this show.
- Remain in the exhibit for the entire show until pickup of quilts on Saturday, May 2 at 6:00 PM
- In order to qualify for the judging competition, the quilt exhibitor must have had some part in the making of the quilt (either constructing the quilt top, quilting or both). Purchased quilts, inherited quilts and quilts received as gifts may be entered for exhibit only in the "Legacy of Quilting" Category but will not be judged. Also, any quilt maker who, for any reason, would prefer to enter his/her quilt "for exhibit only" is welcome to do so. "For exhibit only" and judged quilts will be hung together by category and the same entry guidelines will apply equally to both. On your registration form, please be sure to indicate whether each quilt is to be entered into the judging competition or as "for exhibit only."
- Sauder Village will be attaching printed tags on each quilt as you check them in with the information you provide on your Quilt Registration Form(s). Please submit a separate form for each quilt (up to 3.) Please make sure

your quilt is labelled with your name and phone number on the back of the quilt. Quilt hanging sleeves are not required.

- The Legacy of Quilting and Youth category and all special exhibits are for exhibit only and will not be judged.
- The Quilt Show staff will not trim loose threads. Once the quilt is received, it will be hung as is.
- Incomplete, torn, soiled, framed or mounted quilts will not qualify or be accepted for the exhibit.
- All entries must be clean and unscented when received or they will not be accepted. Cigarette odor and pet hair and/or odor may result in immediate disqualification.

Note: Written judging evaluations are not provided for this show.

**In appreciation for entering a quilted piece for the exhibit, you will be provided with one free admission pass into both the Quilt Show Exhibition and the Historic Village. Please enter through Founder's Hall with this pass. Passes will be distributed when you drop off your quilt. For quilts that are being shipped, passes will be held at the Admission's desk in Founder's Hall for you.**

### **All Quilts For The Exhibit MUST Be PRE-REGISTERED**

Pre-Register Your Quilts for the Exhibit by:

- Completing one registration form per quilt on our website.
- Entered by the deadline of 4:00 PM on March 31 or when we reach our limit due to space.

### **Checking-In Quilts for the Exhibit: Sunday, April 26**

- Pre-registered quilts must be hand delivered to Founder's Hall for check-in on Sunday, April 26, between 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Please enter through the west doors of Founder's Hall adjacent to the parking lot. (If you or your agent cannot deliver your quilt entry on Sunday, April 26, you may contact us at [info@saudervillage.org](mailto:info@saudervillage.org) to arrange for another time.

- Claim tickets will be issued for each piece (which will serve as owner identification), which must be presented at check-out in order to pick up the quilt(s).
- Guilds are encouraged to designate a representative to bring your group's quilt(s) to check-in. For more efficient check-in please contact Tracie Evans at [tracie.evans@saudervillage.org](mailto:tracie.evans@saudervillage.org) to schedule an appointment if you are bringing ten or more quilts for your group.
- All quilts will be subjected to the jurying process and those accepted into the show will be hung on Monday. Owners of all quilts not accepted into the show will be notified on Tuesday and arrangements can be made to pick up those quilts prior to the end of the show.
- In order to provide the best possible show, Sauder Village reserves the right to limit the number of quilts in each category, change category if deemed appropriate and reject any entry not following the guidelines or those we do not feel fit the nature of our show.

## **CATEGORIES AND AWARDS**

Our show is judged by NACQJ certified judges. One first place, one second place, and one third place ribbon will be awarded in each category at the judges' discretion unless otherwise specified. First place winners also received a handcrafted pottery plate made by Historic Village artisan Mark Nafziger. If a quilt does not receive one of the top three prizes but is deserving of special recognition, a judge may award an honorable mention ribbon. Awards may not be distributed if the judges feel that no quilt in the category is deserving of a ribbon.

Depending on numbers of quilts entered, we may divide categories into subcategories based on size. Determination of placement will be based on your measurements provided on your registration form,

**Pieced Quilt** Piecing must be the predominant technique.

**Appliqued Quilt** Applique must be the predominant technique, covering 60% or more of the quilt.

**Mixed Technique** Quilt Entries must display two or more quilting techniques (such as pieced and applique); split of techniques must be at least 60/40.

**Hand Quilted** Entries must be predominantly quilted by hand.

**Miniatures** Entries must be a scaled-down version of an existing or original pattern. Sum of all sides is 72" or less.

**Modern** Entries must be nontraditional in some way. Quilts may display high-contrast colors, bold fabrics, unusual shapes, or other elements.

**Art** Entries must be an original design that displays an element of innovation, storytelling, or a unique blend of techniques. If you used or modified a pattern, do not enter your quilt into this category. Pictorial quilts are not eligible for this category.

**Youth** Entries must be quilted by youth aged 18 or younger. *\*Please note: all entrants in this category will receive a participant ribbon; one entry will receive the Youth Excellence in Quilting award. First, second, and third place will not be awarded for this category.*

**Legacy of Quilting** – NON-JUDGED The Legacy of Quilting category is an opportunity for you to showcase the handiwork of a beloved family member or display your favorite auction/antique shop quilts. If you are entering a quilt on behalf of someone else—whether that is a family member or an unknown artist—you must enter it here. If your piece has “found” elements that you did not create (i.e., you thrifted quilt blocks that you later finished off into a full quilt), you must also enter it here. *\*Please note: Legacy of Quilting quilts are not judged, and no ribbons are available for this category.*