

## 2012 QUILT SHOW POLICIES

**Who is Eligible:** Entries for voting will be accepted from members of Quilters Anonymous only. Previous members must have paid their renewal dues by Sept. 15, 2011, so their names are in the current roster, and must have contributed a minimum of 4 hours effort to the prior year's quilt show. Members who joined for the first time after March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011 and who have paid their dues by September 15<sup>th</sup> 2011 are eligible to enter the 2012 show and are exempt from the 4-hour requirement. New members joining for the first time after September 15<sup>th</sup> 2011 who have paid their dues prior to December 31, 2011 may enter the 2012 quilt show and are exempt from the 4-hour requirement for that year. Entrants in the Youth Quilter special display must be affiliated with or related to a QA member. Individuals not meeting these criteria are eligible to enter quilts in Special Displays 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 shown in a QA voting category or the non-voting Showcase cannot be entered into current voting categories or the non-voting Showcase. Entries in Special Displays and the Membership Challenge must meet criteria established and published for that display or must have been approved for inclusion by the Show Committee Chairs.

**Categories:** Quilts will be hung in the following categories

### OPEN VOTING CATEGORIES:

Accessory / 3-D Object  
Appliqué  
Art / Innovative  
Group (made by more than two people)  
Juvenile Theme / Baby / Crib  
Large (longer than 90 inches): Divided into Solo or Duet/Group  
Miniature \* (up to 100 inches perimeter)  
Mixed Techniques: Divided into Solo or Duet  
Pieced: Divided into Solo or Duet  
Small / Wall-hanging (up to 160 inches perimeter)  
Seasonal / Holiday / Patriotic  
Wearable \*

### ADDITIONAL QUILTS TO BE SHOWN:

Membership Challenge  
Youth Quilters  
Showcase (non-voting, open to QA members)  
Made-in-QA-Classes Quilts (by invitation)  
Previous Year's Winners (by invitation)  
Featured Artist: Dorothy (Sally) LeBoeuf

**Quilt Show Capacity:** The goal is to have space to display every registered quilt and to include all special display items as registered and planned. However there is a limit to the space available. To achieve an equitable and manageable number of entries within each category, the Show Committee reserves the right to limit the number of show entries from each guild member, to divide large categories into smaller voting groups, to restrict the size of a category, to eliminate categories with insufficient registrations, to limit the number of quilts to be shown in Special Displays, and in the worst case to request the withdrawal of entries. The first efforts focus on compressing the special displays and optimizing all hanging spaces for voting categories. Should a category be limited because of space restrictions (such as Large Quilts), affected quilts may be entered in an alternative category to be negotiated with the quilter. Such decisions will be made equitably and with sensitivity. Any member who is affected will be consulted as early as possible in the layout process.

**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. Entry limits may be imposed and will be published along with registration procedures and deadlines in the November newsletter, the roster, and online.

**Two-Sided Quilts:** Members may request that a quilt be displayed so both sides can be seen but space limitations may prevent this request being fulfilled. If a quilt is registered as "two-sided" a photo of both sides will be needed to assist in layout planning.

**Hanging Sleeve Requirement:** All quilts are to have a hanging sleeve attached. The sleeve is to be 4" finished except for Miniature entries for which the sleeve requirement is 2". 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. Three-dimensional, small accessory items, and wearables do not require hanging sleeves to be displayed. All other quilts must have hanging sleeves or they will not be displayed.

**Framed Items:** In the interest of safety for our hangers and our guests and equity in display, we will not hang items that are stretched on a frame or hung behind glass in any voting category. Exceptions can be made in special displays or non-voting categories if an item can be hung safely.

**Awards:** Ribbons will be awarded to QA members according to the results of voting. Youth entrants sponsored by a QA member will be given a special participation ribbon. Voting by the visiting public will determine the awarding of 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place and Honorable Mention ribbons. Categories with fewer than ten entries will be awarded 1st and 2nd Places only. Categories with 10-20 entries will be awarded 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Places only. 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. QA members voting at the preview Party will determine winners of the *Membership Challenge*.

**Category Selection:** Members should enter their quilt into the entry category they feel best describes their work. Refer to the category descriptions that follow or seek guidance from a quilt show chair. If your quilt could be hung with more than one category, register it in your first choice but indicate an alternate category on the registration form. Be mindful of the definitions of solo, duet and group and the category descriptions that follow. In some categories both solo and duet entries will be voted on together. In the more popular categories of Pieced, Mixed Techniques, and Large the categories are sub-divided for voting between those quilts made entirely by one person (solo) and those that were combined efforts.

**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 professionally-quilted quilts..

**Group:** Three or more people have made the item, one of whom must be the QA member who is entering the quilt and who has contributed a substantial 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.

**Entry Limits:** Members may enter up to three quilts total in the Open Voting categories. The non-voting category Showcase counts against this three-entry limit as well. Members may enter one additional "freebie" entry each in the Miniature and Wearable categories. Membership Challenge entries do not count against the entry limit.

**Membership Challenge:** 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 and published in the newsletter and online.

**Registration Deadlines:** Online registration will begin on Tuesday, November 15, 2011. Online registration must be electronically transmitted no later than noon on Wednesday, January 11, 2012. All registration will be done on-line. For those members who need assistance, see the Registration Instructions for guidance and for personal assistance contacts. Members are responsible for verifying their entries, listed on the QA website January 16 - 20, 2012, and any changes that are needed must be submitted by midnight on January 20, 2012.