

QUILTING

Dept. QU

Entry Deadline: July 23

See Schedule of Events



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QUILTING MISSION STATEMENT: To create a warm and friendly atmosphere in which all quilters can display their labors of love; to build an exhibit that all quilt lovers can enjoy; to provide a fair venue for competition for both amateurs and professionals; to utilize educational displays and demonstrations designed to encourage both young and old to enjoy this relaxing art; and to share our talents with the community.

JUDGES: TBA

2023 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS		
(All activities listed will be in the Exhibition Hall)		
Wednesday, July 5 – Friday, July 21	9am - 4pm	Entry Office open to pre-register entry forms only. Need not pay at that time. Call 727-8900 and ask for Entry Office for more information. No early entries will be accepted without permission of the Superintendent
Saturday, July 22	10am - 4pm	Entries accepted in Exhibition Hall
Sunday, July 23	11am - 4pm	Entries accepted in Exhibition Hall
Tuesday, July 25	9am – 5pm	Quilt Judging
Wednesday, July 26	9am	Quilt Judging
Friday, July 28	Noon	Fair opens to the public
Wednesday, August 2	6pm	Quilting Department Awards
Sunday, August 6	10 am - 2pm	Entries released in Department. Please make every effort to pick up your entries during this time frame. Unclaimed entries will be held at the Entry Office Monday thru Thursday of the week following Fair.
Daily Demos	4pm & 7pm	Quilting Department Demonstrations
July 28 thru Aug 4		I Spy Game - Play I Spy in the Quilting Department

Every effort will be made to follow the above schedule but due to unforeseen circumstances, the schedule is subject to change.

PREMIUMS

ATTENTION EXHIBITORS

The Entry office will process judging results as quickly as possible after completion of judging. Please allow 3 to 5 days. Notice will be posted in departments when premium checks are processed and ready in the Entry Office. The **Entry Office** will be open from **July 28th through August 5th (8am to 6pm) and August 6th through 10th (9am to 4pm)**. Every effort should be made to collect your Premium Checks between these times. Premium Checks in the amount of \$399.99 or less may be cashed during these times in the Entry Office.

All remaining Premium Checks will be mailed to you in the name and at the address provided by you on the entry form. The Montana State Fair will mail premium awards only to winners.

NOTE: A W9 must be filled out each year if either of the following apply to you:

- **You have had changes to your name or address**
- **You are a first-time exhibitor at the Montana State Fair**

RULES & REGULATIONS

1. All participants at Montana State Fair events are responsible for reading the Montana State Fair GENERAL INFORMATION Section and complying with policies listed therein. This section is located at cascadecountymt.gov under the Live-Work-Play tab.
2. AGREEMENT TO ALL RULES AND REGULATIONS HEREIN STATED IS UNDERSTOOD WHEN THE EXHIBITOR SUBMITS THE ENTRY FORM.
3. All entrants must complete a W9 form at time of entry to receive any premiums.
4. **All exhibitors shall purchase admittance tickets if they plan to take part in activities during the Fair.** Adult and Youth exhibitors may purchase an Exhibitor's Packet for \$20 good for 10 admissions for Fair week. Exhibitors may purchase individual tickets for \$4.00 each.
5. **Please do not pre-enter.**
6. Any article previously judged at Montana State Fair is ineligible for competition. To avoid misunderstandings, do not enter an item that very closely resembles an item previously entered.
7. Exhibitors may enter one item per class with the exception of Display Only, Division 5.
8. To be entered in this department, THE ARTICLE MUST BE QUILTED OR TIED. IT ALSO MUST BE OF THREE-LAYER CONSTRUCTION, exceptions to the three-layer construction may include clothing, yo-yos, ragtime, chenille, summer weight quilts Cathedral windows, or art quilts.
9. Articles used prior to the fair must be clean and acceptable for judging (free of lint, hair, thread, etc.)
10. In event of only one entry in a class, judges will place or not place the item based on the standard of excellence of the individual piece. All judges' decisions are final.
11. At the superintendent's discretion, items entered may be transferred to a more appropriate division prior to judging.
12. **Hanging sleeves required on all quilt and wall hanging entries.**
13. **Absolutely no early release of quilts. NO EXCEPTIONS.**
14. DEFINITION OF EXHIBITORS:
 - **Professional:** A person who regularly earns money from the design, creation and/or part of the construction of, or instruction of bed quilts or other quilted items.
 - **Non-professional:** A person who is a non-professional of quilting; has taken beginning instruction or is a self-taught quilter; who creates for personal use and has not sold any items (gives away as gifts).
 - **Special Exhibitor:** Individuals with physical or mental challenges that would make competing in open divisions unfair for them.
 - **Junior:** Individuals 18 years and younger. Junior exhibitors are welcome to compete in open divisions with appropriate fees paid.

SPECIAL AWARDS

CASCADE COUNTY HOMEMAKERS CLUB AWARDS

REGULATIONS:

1. Club name MUST be listed on entry form.
2. Homemaker must be a paid member of a registered Cascade County Homemakers Club to qualify for awards.
3. Largest average number of exhibits is figured by total number of club exhibits divided by total number of club members.
4. Quality points are total of Ribbon count divided by the total number of club members
 - Sweepstakes- 4 points. Blue- 3 points. Red- 2 points. White- 1 point
 - Largest Average Number of Exhibits
 - 1st Place: \$10 – *sponsored by Cascade County Homemakers*
 - Highest Quality Points
 - 1st Place: \$10 – *sponsored by Cascade County Homemakers*

QUILTING DEPARTMENT AWARDS

\$20.00 Gift Certificates, Sponsored by Bernina Silver Thimble, 3301 10th Avenue South, Great Falls

BEST MACHINE EMBROIDERED QUILT OR WALL HANGING

BEST ENTRY QUILTED CLOTHING OR BAG

BEST ENTRY USING PAPER PIECING TECHNIQUE

Machine Service Package, Sponsored by Ed Gimenez

JUDGE'S CHOICE

\$25 Gift Certificates, Sponsored by The Quilt A Way, 222 13th Street South, Great Falls

BEST of HOLIDAY

BEST of HAND EMBROIDERY

QUILTING DEPARTMENT AWARDS, continued

*\$25 Gift Certificates, Sponsored by **The Quilt A Way**, 222 13th Street South, Great Falls*

BEST WOOL ENTRY

BEST JR. 13 – 18

BEST JR. 12 and under

*\$20 Gift Certificate, Sponsored by **Quilts Galore***

BEST of MINIATURES

*\$50 Gift Certificate, Sponsored by **Mary Ann Wattam***

BEST COMMERCIALY QUILTED QUILT

FALLS QUILT GUILD EXCELLENCE AWARDS - \$50.00 in cash for each award

HAND QUILTING EXCELLENCE AWARD

Qualifications:

1. Non-Professional category
2. Quilt top construction can be hand or machine pieced
3. Hand quilted (no machine quilting)
4. Any size quilt is acceptable
5. Must be made by the person entering

MACHINE QUILTING EXCELLENCE AWARD

Qualifications:

1. Non-Professional category
2. Quilt top construction can be hand or machine pieced
3. Machine quilted by self; can be completed using any machine
4. Any size quilt is acceptable
5. Must be made by the person entering

PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARD

Qualifications:

1. Must be a Professional according to the Rules & Regulations
2. Quilt top construction can be hand or machine pieced
3. Hand or machine quilted by self
4. Any size quilt is acceptable
5. Must be made by the person entering

BEST of SHOW AWARD

Plaque and Rosette, *Sponsored by **Montana State Fair***

\$25.00 cash, *Sponsored by **Falls Quilt Guild***

\$25.00 Gift Certificate, *Sponsored by **The Quilt A Way***

\$20.00 Gift Certificate, *Sponsored by **Bernina Silver Thimble***

Qualifications:

1. Non-Professional category

LYNN HEBERT MEMORIAL AWARD

Patriotic Quilt Contest

\$50.00 cash, *Sponsored by **Friends of Lynn Hebert***

Qualifications:

1. Non-Professional category
2. Quilt must be patriotic in the colors, shapes, or fabric.
3. Any category except for Professional classes and Display Only.
4. Must win a blue ribbon in the first round of judging to be eligible.
5. Best patriotic quilt picked by the quilt judges.
6. Any patriotic quilt in any non-professional category is eligible for the contest but we would like to encourage quilters to make either an Adopt a Bear size (approximately 18" x 18") or else a Comforter for Kids size (approximately 40" x 65") and after the Fair donate them to Falls Quilt Guild to honor Lynn.

CONTESTS/ACTIVITIES

All visitors to the Quilting Department are invited to participate in the "I Spy" activity. Participants are challenged to find several special features hidden among the quilts. A quick answer form is filled out. The completed answer form is then entered in a drawing for prizes. Visitors may also vote daily for your favorite entry in our People's Choice Award any time before 4 p.m. the day of the Awards ceremony.

DIVISIONS/CLASSES

DIVISIONS:

1	BED QUILTS	6	HOLIDAY THEME
2	QUILTED HOUSEHOLD FURNISHINGS	7	MIXED MEDIA/NOVELTY
3	CLOTHING, QUILTED	8	PROFESSIONAL
4	HAND QUILTED QUILTS	9	SPECIAL EXHIBITOR
5	DISPLAY ONLY	10	JUNIOR EXHIBITOR

JUDGING CRITERIA

1. Overall appearance should be pleasing, clean, neat, and tidy.
2. Texture and color of fabrics should be well balanced and suitable for design.
3. Pieced corners should meet evenly with attention to appropriate grain line.
4. Seams should be trimmed and pressed so dark seams don't show through the light pieces. Construction stitching should not show.
5. If using a dark ground fabric for appliqué, it should be trimmed away so it doesn't shadow through lighter pieces.
6. Appliqué thread should complement the appliqué piece.
7. Backing fabric should complement the front.
8. Quilting stitches should be small, even, and consistent on both the front and back.
9. Quilting pattern should complement the quilt top.
10. No quilting pattern marks should show.
11. No knots or backstitches should show in the top or back.
12. Binding should complement the top, should be filled with all three layers, and should be firmly stitched, mitered corner.
13. The entire quilt should be flat, corners square and edges straight.
14. The machine quilting stitch should be an even tension with no puckers or tucks on front or back.
15. Machine quilting threads should begin and end inconspicuously with no loose threads.
16. Bed quilt size is considered 60" x 85" or larger.

DIVISION 1: BED QUILTS (twin or larger) (All quilts must have a sleeve)

ENTRY FEE: \$2.25 per article
PREMIUMS: 1st - \$5; 2nd - \$3; 3rd - \$2.25

CLASSES:

- QU-1-1 Quilt with a panel
- QU-1-2 Tied quilt
- QU-1-3 Rag quilt
- QU-1-4 Quilt made by a group
- QU-1-5 Any other bed quilt

PREMIUMS: 1st - \$7; 2nd - \$5; 3rd - \$3

CLASSES:

- QU-1-6 Machine pieced, commercially quilted
- QU-1-7 Hand pieced, commercially quilted
- QU-1-8 Machine embroidered, commercially quilted
- QU-1-9 Hand embroidered, commercially quilted
- QU-1-10 Machine appliquéd, commercially quilted
- QU-1-11 Hand appliquéd, commercially quilted
- QU-1-12 Paper pieced, commercially quilted

PREMIUMS: 1st - \$8; 2nd - \$6; 3rd - \$4

CLASSES:

- QU-1-13 Machine pieced, machine quilted by self (can be completed using any machine)
- QU-1-14 Hand pieced, machine quilted by self (can be completed using any machine)
- QU-1-15 Machine embroidered, machine quilted by self (can be completed using any machine)
- QU-1-16 Hand embroidered, machine quilted by self (can be completed using any machine)
- QU-1-17 Machine appliquéd, machine quilted by self (can be completed using any machine)
- QU-1-18 Hand appliquéd, machine quilted by self (can be completed using any machine)
- QU-1-19 Paper pieced, machine quilted by self (can be completed using any machine)

DIVISION 2: QUILTED HOUSEHOLD FURNISHINGS (all quilts must have a sleeve)

ENTRY FEE: \$2.25 per article

PREMIUMS: 1st - \$5; 2nd - \$3; 3rd - \$2.25

CLASSES:

- QU-2-1 Small wall hanging, machine quilted (smaller than 36" x 36")
- QU-2-2 Small wall hanging, commercially quilted (smaller than 36" x 36")
- QU-2-3 Original Art (smaller than 36" x 36")
- QU-2-4 Table linens (tablecloth, runner, or four placemats)
- QU-2-5 Pillow
- QU-2-6 Any other quilted household furnishings

PREMIUMS: 1st - \$7; 2nd - \$5; 3rd - \$3

CLASSES:

- QU-2-7 Large wall hanging, machine quilted (36" x 36" or larger)
- QU-2-8 Large wall hanging, commercially quilted (36" x 36" or larger)
- QU-2-9 Original Art (36" x 36" or larger)
- QU-2-10 Baby/Lap quilt, machine quilted (smaller than 60" x 85")
- QU-2-11 Baby/Lap quilt, commercially quilted (smaller than 60" x 85")
- QU-2-12 Miniatures (maximum size 18" x 24")

DIVISION 3: CLOTHING – QUILTED

ENTRY FEE: \$2.25 per article

PREMIUMS: 1st - \$5; 2nd - \$3; 3rd - \$2.25

CLASSES:

- QU-3-1 Quilted purse or tote bag
- QU-3-2 Any other quilted clothing or bag

PREMIUMS: 1st - \$7; 2nd - \$5; 3rd - \$3

CLASS:

- QU-3-3 Jackets and coats

DIVISION 4: HAND QUILTED QUILTS

ENTRY FEE: \$2.25 per article

PREMIUMS: 1st - \$7; 2nd - \$5; 3rd - \$3

CLASSES:

- QU-4-1 Small wall hanging, hand quilted (smaller than 36" x 36")
- QU-4-2 Large wall hanging, hand quilted (36" x 36" or larger)
- QU-4-3 Baby/Lap quilt, hand quilted (smaller than 60" x 85")

PREMIUMS: 1st - \$8; 2nd - \$6; 3rd - \$4

CLASSES:

- QU-4-4 Hand pieced bed quilt, hand quilted
- QU-4-5 Machine pieced bed quilt, hand quilted
- QU-4-6 Hand appliquéd bed quilt, hand quilted
- QU-4-7 Hand embroidered bed quilt, hand quilted
- QU-4-8 Any other bed quilt, hand quilted

DIVISION 5: DISPLAY ONLY

ENTRY FEE: \$2.25 per article

PREMIUMS: None

CLASS:

- QU-5-1 Any quilt that is for display only

DIVISION 6: HOLIDAY THEME

ENTRY FEE: \$2.25 per article

PREMIUMS: 1st - \$5; 2nd - \$3; 3rd - \$2.25

CLASSES:

- QU-6-1 Table linens (tablecloth, runner, or four placemats)
- QU-6-2 Pillow
- QU-6-3 Tree skirt
- QU-6-4 Stocking
- QU-6-5 Wall hanging
- QU-6-6 Lap quilt
- QU-6-7 Any other quilted article

PREMIUMS: 1st - \$7; 2nd - \$5; 3rd - \$3

CLASSES:

QU-6-8 Bed quilt (twin or larger)

DIVISION 7: MIXED MEDIA/NOVELTY

REGULATIONS:

1. Items can be quilts or wall hangings

ENTRY FEE: \$2.25 per article

PREMIUMS: 1st - \$7; 2nd - \$5; 3rd - \$3

CLASSES:

- QU-7-1 T-shirt quilt
- QU-7-2 Painting and quilting
- QU-7-3 Embellishments on quilt or wall hanging
- QU-7-4 Counted Cross stitch
- QU-7-5 Yo-yo quilt
- QU-7-6 Any other quilt or wall hanging

DIVISION 8: PROFESSIONAL

ENTRY FEE: \$2.25 per article

PREMIUMS: 1st - \$10; 2nd - \$5

CLASSES:

- QU-8-1 Small wall hanging (smaller than 36" x 36")
- QU-8-2 Quilt made by a group
- QU-8-3 Table linens (tablecloth, runner, or four placemats)

PREMIUMS: 1st - \$15; 2nd - \$6

CLASSES:

- QU-8-4 Wall hanging (36" x 36" or larger)
- QU-8-5 Lap quilt (smaller than 60" x 85")
- QU-8-6 Original Art
- QU-8-7 Quilted purse or bag

PREMIUMS: 1st - \$20; 2nd - \$10

CLASSES:

- QU-8-8 Bed quilt (60" x 85" or larger)
- QU-8-9 Quilted clothing
- QU-8-10 Hand pieced quilt

DIVISION 9: SPECIAL EXHIBITOR

ENTRY FEE: None

PREMIUMS: Ribbons

CLASSES:

- QU-9-1 Any other quilted article

DIVISION 10: JUNIOR EXHIBITOR

ENTRY FEE: None

PREMIUMS: 1st - \$3; 2nd - \$2; 3rd - \$1

- QU-10-1 Quilts (under 13 years)
- QU-10-2 Wall hangings (under 13 years)
- QU-10-3 Quilted bag (under 13 years)
- QU-10-4 Any other quilted article (under 13 years)
- QU-10-5 Quilts (13-18 years)
- QU-10-6 Wall hangings (13-18 years)
- QU-10-7 Quilted bag (13-18 years)
- QU-10-8 Any other quilted article (13-18 years)

