

2024  
**DEPARTMENT 4**  
**QUILTING**

The 2024 Big E will be held September 13-29, 2024.

**Exhibitor handbooks and schedules are subject to change.**

We suggest you request to be added to the email lists of the departments you are entering, follow the department Facebook page, or check our website frequently for updates.

Email [CreativeArts@TheBigE.com](mailto:CreativeArts@TheBigE.com) to request to be added to be added to our email list.

Follow us on Facebook @bigecreativearts

All exhibitors are required to read and comply with the **GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS** of the Creative Arts Department and to acknowledge with entry submission that they have obtained **copyright permission** when appropriate.

<b>Entry Form Due</b>	August 12	Online: <a href="https://TheBigE.fairwire.com/">https://TheBigE.fairwire.com/</a>		
<b>Entry Fee per Item</b>	\$10*			
<b>Entry Limit</b>	Exhibitors can have a maximum of three (3) entries total across Departments 1-14			
<b>Eligibility</b>	Must be completed within past 3 years			
<b>Classes</b>	A: Adult Professional	B: Adult Non-Professional	C: Youth 13-18	D: Youth 5-12
<b>Premiums</b>	Best of Department: \$20	Blue: \$20	Red: \$17	White: \$14
<b>Receiving</b>	Tuesday, September 3: 8:00 am to 7:00 pm		New England Center	
<b>Judging</b>	Closed to the public		Wednesday, September 4 – Friday, September 6	
<b>Release</b>	Monday, September 30, 12:00 pm to 7:00 pm	Tuesday, October 1, 8:00 am to 1:00 pm	New England Center	

After November 1, all unclaimed items become the property of Eastern States Exposition and will be disposed of as deemed necessary.

For additional information, contact Creative Arts at [CreativeArts@TheBigE.com](mailto:CreativeArts@TheBigE.com) or call (413) 205-5015.



Quilt by Akkiko Kunst

**Please Note:**

\*Quilting Department entries are judged by National Association of Certified Quilt Judges (NACQJ). Certified judges believe in fairness, objectivity, a positive approach, and a broad and very deep knowledge of quilting techniques, color, design, and history. These qualities allow all quilt makers to receive a consistent, meaningful critique as well as recognition of skill and achievement for the ribbon winners. Entries are eligible to receive the NACQJ Award of Merit, an award to one quilt achieving recognized standards of quilt making excellence. This award, along with individual Judge's awards, are at the Judge's discretion. Exhibitors will receive comments that are informative and will guide them forward on their quilt making journey. Entry fees for departments using certified judges will be \$10 per entry.

**Quilts may not be displayed fully "open" due to space limitation.**

- The Judges REQUIRE a quilt to have 3 Layers: top, batting and backing and some form of securing of the layers. If your "quilt" does not meet these requirements it WILL be moved to sewing department.
- A brief explanation about your entry may be attached on a 3" x 5" card.
- If your name is visible on either side of the quilt, it must be covered.
- See individual division entry for requirement of an attached hanging sleeve. Both the top and bottom of the sleeve must be sewn on. Do not use pins.
- Please keep in mind that the Best of Department Quilt will be hung fully open in the Best of Department Showcase room. For the quilt to be displayed at its best, please securely attach a 5" sleeve to the back of your quilt.



Quilt by Madelyn Brown (Youth 5-12)

**You must indicate on your entry form if your item was made from a kit.**

**A kit includes the pattern and the fabric.**

**Judging may include but not limited to:**

**Overall Appearance**

Condition, cleanliness, neatness, total appearance.

**Color Design**

Visual impact, scale, placement, unity distinctiveness, use of color, originality & effectiveness, relationship of quilting design (and of the sashing and border) to the body of the quilt.

**Workmanship**

Accuracy of piecing, appliqué, fabric grain, quality of stitching & quilting, bindings, corners & backing, methods used to mark quilting design.

**IMPORTANT:** In the “Name of Quilter” field, you should list the name of the professional if the quilt was professionally framed/quilted, name of long-arm quilter, or your name if quilted on a home sewing machine.



Quilt by Miru Kunst  
(Youth 13-18)

**Division 401 Completed all by hand:** Any quilted item, any size, completed all by hand  
(No machine stitching, piecing, or quilting.)

**Division 402 Mini Quilt:** Approximately 24”x24” (about 576 square inches or less)  
REQUIRED 1 ½-2” sleeve

**Division 403 Wall Hanging or Crib:** Approximately 45”x60” (about 2,700 square inches or less)  
REQUIRED 4” sleeve

**Division 404 Twin or Lap:** Approximately 72”x90” (about 6,480 square inches or less)  
No sleeve required

**Division 405 Double/Queen:** Approximately 90”x100”  
No sleeve required

**Division 406 King:** Approximately 120”x120”  
No sleeve required

**Division 407 Pillows, Bags & Wearables**

**Division 408 Group Quilt Projects** (Guilds, Schools, Family, etc.)  
Any size. Please include size in description on entry form.

**Division 409 Other than classified**

**Division 410 2024 Creative Arts Theme: “United We Fair”.**  
**The piece involves a spirit of unity.**  
Please include a 3”x5” index card describing how entry relates to the theme.



All by Hand Quilt by Christina Creevy

## SPECIAL AWARDS FOR QUILTING

Selection of award recipient is based on "judge's choice" using criteria set by the donor of the award.

**AMERICAN MADE CRAFTERS BY A&W**, SOMERS, CT; Email: [awngi@cox.net](mailto:awngi@cox.net)

\$50 award to *Best in All by Hand Quilting*

### COLCHESTER MILL FABRICS & QUILTING

\$100 gift card for *Outstanding Use of Fabric to create Design*

\$100 gift card for *Excellence in Paper Piecing*

\$100 gift card for *Best Twin or Lap Quilt*

\$100 gift card for *Best 1st Time Entry*

\$50 gift card for *Best Beginner Youth in Quilting*

\$50 gift card for *Outstanding Youth Quilt*

### GRANVILLE QUILT & NEEDLEWORK GUILD, GRANVILLE, MA

\$30 award for most *Outstanding Combination Machine & Hand Quilting*

\$30 Award for *Beginner Youth in Quilting*

### HANDS ACROSS THE VALLEY QUILT GUILD, [WWW.HANDSACROSSTHEVALLEY.ORG](http://WWW.HANDSACROSSTHEVALLEY.ORG)

\$75 award for *Excellence in Workmanship*

\$75 award for *Excellence in Use of Color*

\$75 award for *Outstanding Creativity*

### PIONEER VALLEY QUILT GUILD, P.O. BOX 202, AGAWAM, MA; [WWW.PVQUILT.ORG](http://WWW.PVQUILT.ORG)

\$25 *Most Outstanding Youth Quilt*

\$25 *Best Quilt made of Reproduction Fabrics*

\$25 *Best Hand Applique*

\$25 *Best Paper Piecing*

### PUMPKIN PATCH QUILTS, 43 Main St, LEE, MA [www.pumpkinpatchquilts.com](http://www.pumpkinpatchquilts.com)

\$35 Award for *FAIR DISCRETION*



**VALLEY FABRICS**, NORTHAMPTON, MA

One \$75 gift card for *Excellence in Use of Color*

One \$25 gift card for *Outstanding Youth Quilt*

### YELLOW QUILT SHOP, 162 College Hwy, SOUTHAMPTON, MA 413-203-6100; [www.theyellowquiltshop.com](http://www.theyellowquiltshop.com)

Two \$25 to *Criteria of Judges' Choosing*

2024



**FAIRFIELD PROCESSING CORP.**, DANBURY, CT [WWW.FAIRFIELDWORLD.COM](http://WWW.FAIRFIELDWORLD.COM)

Email: [tricias@fairfieldworld.com](mailto:tricias@fairfieldworld.com)

is delighted to support Eastern States Exposition with a sponsorship of

\$300 worth of quilting product to *Judge's Selection of Exceptional Quilt Award*

- One batting awarded to *Best Modern Quilt*
- One batting awarded to *Best Art Quilt*
- One batting awarded to *Outstanding Nature Quilt*
- One batting awarded to *Best Original Design*
- One batting awarded to *Excellence in Domestic/Home Machine Quilting*
- One batting awarded to *Excellence in Mixed Techniques*
- One batting awarded to *Excellence in Embellishments and/or Thread Work*
- One batting awarded to *Best Small Quilt*
- One batting awarded to *Best Wall Hanging*
- One batting awarded to *Best Non-Professional Quilt*

**TODD & TERRI BROWN** Awards given by Todd & Terri Brown.

\$25 awarded to *Best Double/Queen Quilt*

\$25 awarded to *Best King Quilt*

**A QUILTER'S GARDEN STUDIO**, NORTHBOROUGH, MA [Marywaltersquilts@gmail.com](mailto:Marywaltersquilts@gmail.com)

\$25 awarded to *Excellence in Use of Color*

**Judge's Merit Award**, each quilting judge will award a special ribbon for their *personal choice*.