



QUILT CONTEST

Rules and Guidelines

ELIGIBILITY

Participants may enter one of the following divisions:

This contest is open to ALL Texas students currently enrolled in an accredited public or private school or a home school environment. Adults must reside in Texas as of entry date.

- a. **Youth** (17 years & under) must be from the following counties, public, private or home school) any student participating in the contest must be a citizen of the United States.
- b. **Adult** (18 years and older; no residency restrictions)

ENTRY CATEGORIES

Youth:

- a. **Youth** – 17 years and younger are encouraged to express their quilt creativity.

Adult:

- a. **Traditional Pieced** - Top can be hand or machine pieced, quilting by hand or machine.
- b. **Applique** - Top can be hand or machine appliqued, quilting can be done by hand or machine
- c. **Mixed Technique** - Two or more techniques used approximately the same amount. May be quilted by hand or machine. For example, a combination of piecing and applique or piecing and embroidery.
- d. **Modern Minimalist** - Quilting can be done by hand or machine.

CONTEST GUIDELINES

1. Quilts must have been made in the last two years.
2. Each person/group may enter one quilt per category.
3. All persons who stitched on the quilt, including the quilter, must be listed on entry form.
4. All quilts must be quilted through 3 layers by hand or machine or both. Quilts in hardwood frames will not be accepted.
5. All quilts must have a 4" deep rod sleeve; top of sleeve can be no more than 90" from bottom of quilt.
6. Quilts must be clean and in show condition.
7. Quilts and/or persons who made them may be photographed and/or videotaped for promotional purposes.
8. All decisions by judges are final. The Brazos Valley Fair & Rodeo reserves the right to reject or reclassify any entry.
9. The Brazos Valley Fair's goal is to display all quilts entered. If necessary, due to space restrictions, only quilts selected by the judges will be displayed during the Brazos Valley Fair & Rodeo.
10. Quilts must have a 3"x5" cloth tag sewn securely to the reverse side of the work which states: name, address, phone number, e-mail, category entered and date of completion.
11. Credit must be given for a quilt submitted that uses an existing pattern or quilt as inspiration for the entry.

12. Each entry must be submitted in a cloth pillowcase or bag with an identification tag stating your name, phone number and category entered. ONE ENTRY PER PILLOWCASE OR BAG PLEASE.
13. Participants will receive one-day, free admission (good for the 2023 fair only) to the Brazos Valley Fair and Rodeo October 20th – October 22nd, 2023.

ENTRY PROCESS

September 30th, 2023 – October 7th

- A. Each entry requires a \$10 entry fee.
 - a. Make checks payable to: Brazos Valley Fair & Rodeo.
- B. One 4"x 6" color photo: full view of the quilt hanging, showing all quilt
 - a. Paperclip photos to entry form.
 - b. Images will not be returned.

Weekend Drop Off: September 30, 2023 from 1:00pm-4:00pm- Quilt drop off at the Brazos County Expo Complex, Fair Office.

- A. Quilt exhibitors are encouraged to deliver projects to the Brazos Valley Fair & Rodeo at the Brazos County Expo Complex. Entries may also be mailed. If exhibitors choose to mail their entries a certified return receipt and signature are required. The Brazos Valley Fair & Rodeo is not responsible for any damage done during the shipping process.

Mailing Address:

Brazos Valley Fair & Rodeo
Quilt Contest
P.O. Box 594
Bryan, TX 77806

Physical Address:

Brazos Valley Fair & Rodeo
Quilt Contest
5827 Leonard Road
Bryan, TX 77807

- B. Entries will not be delivered or mailed after the show.
- C. Quilts are to be picked up October 24th – 27th, 2023 from 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM.

AWARDS

Awards will be distributed as follows:

- 1st, 2nd, 3rd place (in each category)
- Grand Champion (adult & youth)
- Reserve Champion (adult & youth)
- Honorable Mention (judge's discretion)

ALL OTHER ITEMS (Fabrics & Threads)

Those with fabric and/or fiber items that do not fall under a listed category may still enter their project for display only with no fee. If five or more items are displayed in that category from multiple contestants, it will then be added for competition the following year. Display projects must be entered with a 3x5 card including the following information:

- Who – name of exhibitor
- Technique – describe if a unique or specific technique was used
- Time – length of time it took to complete
- Title – name of project