QUILTING DIVISIONS

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Premiums Offered: $965

Quilting Designated "Off-Site Drop Off Locations"

See below for an updated list.

Brentwood:
Edison Vacuum and Sewing
202 Wilson Pike Circle
Brentwood, TN 37027

Murfreesboro:
MidSouth Sewing
266 River Rock Blvd
Murfreesboro, TN 37128

Lebanon:
Lebanon Sewing Center
4365 Murfreesboro Rd
Lebanon, TN 37090

Off site Drop-off Deadline is Saturday, August 23, 2026.

Fair Drop-off dates for entries will be:

Wed. September 2, from 11am-8pm

Thursday, September 3, from 9am-5pm.

Please refer to the Creative Arts section of the catalog for directions to drop off entries.

items will be returned to drop-off locations on Monday, September 21st.

	1st	2nd	3rd
Adult	$15	$12	$8
Youth	$10	$8	$5

Guidelines: PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

1. One quilt per quilter per class
2. Quilts (with the exception of certain special techniques entries) are considered to be 1) made of fabric, 2) have three (3) layers consisting of a top, batting and a backing, and 3) contains quilting. All items entered must exhibit sewing /quilting techniques accomplished either by either hand or machine stitching.
3. Quilts may not be larger than 90" x 92" (queen size) due to space allocation. Quilts will be placed into one of three categories for size: a. Small: 25" x 49" wide b. Medium: 50" x 69" wide c. Large: 70"x 92" wide
4. Quilts must be clean and show quality: a. No pet hair or threads (please use a lint roller) b. No strong odors (ex: smoke) c. No stains or damage
5. NEW: Each quilt entry will require a hold harmless waiver be signed by participant
6. Label your quilt using a scrap of fabric with name, phone number and quilt name on it. Fold this over, and safety pin to the back of the bottom left corner of the quilt.
7. If your quilt has a sewn-in label, please cover the label with masking or painter's tape.
8. Quilts must arrive to the show in a bag or pillowcase with the owner's name, phone number, and quilt name on the bag. If the quilt is large or you wish not to fold it, you are HIGHLY encouraged to wrap it onto a pool noodle to avoid wrinkles. If doing this, please attach a tag with info to the pool noodle.
9. Quilted items such as table runners, Christmas tree skirts, quilted home items, etc. will be placed in the Sewing Division, Category C, Home Décor. Quilted clothing will be placed in the Sewing Division, Category A. Clothing.
10. Quilts made from kits (blocks of the month included) or "cheater cloths" must go into the kit class. Panels may go into any class UNLESS they are part of a kit. Quilts from kits are NOT eligible for Best of Show.
11. Quilts that have previously won a Best of Show in another quilt show are not permitted in this show.
12. All entries are subject to copyright laws. All entries derived from a published source MUST give credit to the author whether from a commercial pattern, book, quilt maker photo, other quilts, etc. Quilts without acknowledgement will not be allowed entry into the show.
13. The Nashville Regional Fair reserves the right to recategorize quilts if necessary, with sufficient reason.
14. **All entries via Off-Site Drop off must include the registration confirmation and the information sheet**

Quilt Judging Criteria:

10% General Appearance- Visual Impact; Overall Use of Color and Value; Fabric Choice and Design Relationship; Overall Balance and Proportion; Originality; Degree of Difficulty; Cleanliness of Quilt; and Quilt Hangs Straight and Lies Flat.

40% Design-Good balance, elements in proportion, complexity of design, pleasing use of color, innovation; use of embellishments or surface design enhance overall design.

50% Workmanship

- Quit Top-accurate, consistent construction, precise piecing, neat appliqué stitches, long seams straight and flat, points sharp and match, smooth curves, matching thread, corners sharp, embellishments or surface design tight, strong, edges straight, and no ripples.
- Binding-smooth tight even - batting goes all the way to the edge; corners square (if by design) and treated in the same manner.
- Backing-smooth, no ripples; proper quilt label, no visible markings, no loose threads or ends (unless consistent with design).
- Quilting-balanced well chosen quilt designs that complement the quilt top design, uniformly quilting stitches on top and bottom, balanced tension, unobtrusive starts and stops, complexity of quilt design; amount of quilting sufficient; no knots, tails or travelers on top or bottom.

Adult Quilting Show Division 315

Premium Schedule: 1st-$15; 2nd-$12 ; 3rd-$8

Class Description

1. Traditional Quilt—Hand Pieced and / or Hand Quilted
2. Traditional Quilt—Machine Pieced and / or Hand Quilted
3. Applique Quilt (May be done by hand or machine, applique method must be main focus of the quilt top)
4. Hand embroidered quilt (must contain at least 50% hand embroidery on quilt top)
5. Specialty Quilt/Other (includes paper piecing, crazy quilts, cathedral windows, yoyos, English paper pieced)
6. Quilt from a Kit (any size) or whole cloth/ "cheater" panel
7. Art Quilt: created from an original pattern, the image is open to interpretation of the viewer but recognizable. Does not follow traditional block line, and uses innovative techniques such as fusible and raw edge applique, paint, dyes, weaving, etc. If inspired from a photo, picture must be included with entry with credit given to photographer. If a commercial photo, permission from the photographer must be obtained to avoid copyright issues.
8. T-Shirt/Memory Quilt: created using clothing to honor or remember a person
9. Miniature Quilts: no larger than 24" x 24", it may be either pieced or appliqued. It is representative of a larger quilt on a small scale, and may not be a single quilt block with a border.
10. Modern Quilt: defined as including, but not limited to, the following characteristics: use of bold color and prints, high contrast and graphic areas of sold color, improv piecing, minimalist or maximalism, expansive negative space, alternate grid work, and decorative stitching.
11. Group Quilt: created by three (3) or more individuals in its construction.). Premium: 1st--$30, 2nd--$24, 3rd--$16
12. Holiday Quilt (any holiday other than Christmas)
13. Christmas Quilts
14. First Quilt – made withing the past 5 years

SPECIALTY QUILTS

D1. Quilts of Valor (QOV): This class is for display only and will not be judged. Must meet the national QOVF standards for size and label requirements. Should be appropriate for either adult male or female veterans. See QOVF for more information on standards at www.qovf.org "The mission of the Quilts of Valor Foundation is to cover service members and veterans touched by war with comforting and healing Quilts of Valor."

D2. Antique/Vintage Quilts: This class is for display only and will not be judged. Quilts that are antique (100+ years old) or vintage (50-99 years old). These quilts are EXEMPT from the addition of a sleeve, and ask for credit to be given to the quilter IF KNOWN.

D3. Computerized Embroidery Quilts: This class is for display only and will not be judged. Quilt is 100% computer embroidery work.

Adult Awards Categories

Best in Show — Rosette & $15

Pride in Workmanship Award (Sponsored by TN Valley Quilters Assoc.) Rosette & $25

Merit Award (Sponsored by TN Valley Quilters Assoc.) Rosette & $15

Ora Buck Award (for exhibitors 70+ years) Rosette & $25

Best in Color and Design Award Rosette Creativity Award—Rosette

People's Choice Award Rosette Judge's Choice Award — Rosette

Best Guild Participation Award (Awarded to the quilting guild that has the highest number of entries as a percentage of the overall published number of quilt guild members.) — Rosette

Youth Quilting Show Division 316

Premium Schedule: 1st-$10; 2nd-$8; 3rd-$5

316A Youth (ages 12 and under)

1. Bed or Lap Quilt (measures 36" x48", may be machine or hand pieced, may use applique methods)
2. Doll Quilt (measures 18" x24", may be machine or hand pieced, may use applique methods)
3. Wall Hanging Quilt (may measure up to 30" x 48")
4. Quilts of Valor (see adult class D1 for more information)

16B Teens (ages 13-18)

5. Description Bed or Lap Quilt (measures 36" x48", may be machine or hand pieced, may use applique methods)
6. Doll Quilt (measures 18" x24", may be machine or hand pieced, may use applique methods)
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Youth Awards Categories

Best in Show for Youth (1-4) and Teens (5-8) Rosette & $15

People's Choice Award - Rosette

This division is also open to 4-H members in addition to open competition.

NASHVILLE REGIONAL FAIR QUILT INFORMATION

(Please include with your quilt entry.)

Exhibitor Name_____

Quilt guild/group affiliation _____

Is this your first quilt show? yes or no Is this your first quilt ever?

yes or no

Quilt name _____

Brief description about quilt _____

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Size (L_____x W_____)

Quilt pattern name and designer _____

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Quilt top pieced by _____

Quilted by _____

If machine quilted, was it quilter guided or done by computer?

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HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

(Include with your quilt entry)

The following statement must be signed by the participant before a quilt will be accepted into the Nashville Regional Fair (NRF.) Please initial next to each line:

_____I agree to permit the NRF of Nashville TN, to display my quilt at the 2026 show at the Nashville Fairgrounds.

_____I understand that my quilt must have an identification label attached to the backside of the quilt.

_____I understand that my quilt will be handled with professional care within the arts exhibit building and protected to the best of the ability of the NRF staff.

_____I understand that no responsibility for any loss or damage to my quilt can be assumed by the NRF, and that it is the participant's responsibility to hold insurance against theft or damage should they feel it is necessary.

_____I give the NRF permission for my entry to be photographed for its use in event-related publicity.

_____The NRF reserves the right to move my quilt into a more appropriate category should it be deemed necessary. I will be informed if done.

_____I acknowledge that final decisions in judging are made by our accredited judge(s) and the NRF quilt chair.

Signature Date