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DEPARTMENT 4  
QUILTING

As we continue to plan for The Big E fair to be held September 15 through October 1 of 2023 our **exhibitor handbooks and schedules are subject to change** and 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.

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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.

Entry Form Due	August 14	Online: <a href="https://TheBigE.fairwire.com/">https://TheBigE.fairwire.com/</a>		
Entry Fee per Item	\$10*			
Entry Limit	Exhibitors can have a maximum of three (3) entries total across Departments 1-13			
Classes	A: Adult Professional	B: Adult Non-Professional	C: Youth 13-18	D: Youth 5-12
Premiums	Best of Department: \$20	Blue: \$20	Red: \$17	White: \$14
Receiving	Tuesday, September 5: 8:00 am to 7:00 pm		New England Center	
Judging	Closed to the public	Wednesday, September 6 – Saturday, September 9		
Release	Monday, October 2, 12:00 pm to 7:00 pm	Tuesday, October 3, 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 Loretta Forsyth

**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.**

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- 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 Luciana DeRise (Youth)

**You must indicate on your entry form if your item was made from a kit. A kit includes the pattern and the fabric.**

**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 Keira Leigh  
Jacquier (Youth)

**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**



All by Hand Quilt by Christina Creevy

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## SPECIAL AWARDS FOR QUILTING

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

**A QUILTER'S GARDEN STUDIO**, NORTHBOROUGH, MA; Email: Marywalterquilts@gmail.com

\$25 award for *Best Use of Color*

**AMERICAN MADE CRAFTERS BY A&W**, SOMERS, CT; Email: awngi@cox.net

\$25 award to *Adult most creative use of fabric design element*

\$25 award to *Youth most creative use of fabric design element*

\$25 award to *Best Machine or Hand Quilting Design*



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

Email: 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*.

Five battings to be awarded in the *Outstanding Creativity and Craftsmanship* category.

Five battings to be awarded in the *Most Creative use of Fabric Design Elements* category.

**GRANVILLE QUILT & NEEDLEWORK GUILD**, GRANVILLE, MA

One \$30 award for most *Outstanding Hand Quilted* item given in memory of Doris Kampe, one of the Guild's founders.

One \$30 Award for *Beginner Youth in Quilting*

**HANDS ACROSS THE VALLEY QUILT GUILD**. AMHERST, MA [www.HandsAcrossTheValley.org](http://www.HandsAcrossTheValley.org);

One \$75 gift for the *Most Outstanding Creativity*

One \$75 gift for the *Most Outstanding Workmanship*

One \$75 gift for the *Most Striking and Effective Use of Color*

**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)

One \$30 Award for *Best Wall Hanging*

**TODD BROWN**

\$25 Award for *Judge's selection of Adult Modern Quilt*

\$25 Award for *Judge's selection of Youth Modern Quilt*

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**VALLEY FABRICS, NORTHAMPTON, MA**

One \$75 gift card to the *Adult Quilt that Best Displays Color and Design to Create Movement and Dimension*

One \$25 gift card to the *Youth Quilt that Best Displays Color and Design to Create Movement and Dimension*

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