

TRQ 2017 Show Entry Rules & Procedures

The Three Rivers Quilt Show is a juried and judged annual exhibition of quilts sponsored by Three Rivers Quilters, Inc. to promote the art of quilt making. Members and non-members are invited to enter their quilts in the competition. As a juried show, all entries will be evaluated prior to acceptance to the show. Please submit COMPLETED entry forms to have your quilt considered for admission.

Quilts will be judged for overall appearance, construction techniques, color, design and quilting stitch. Quilts will be selected for ribbons and cash prizes at the sole discretion of the judges who reserve the right not to award all of the ribbons/prizes. All entries will be subject to the judging process. All judges are NACQJ certified and have no affiliation with Three Rivers Quilters, Inc.

Show Dates:

April 27-29, 2017 (Thurs. – Sat)

DEADLINE for entries:

Monday, March 27, 2017

- All entry forms must be completed, postmarked, and mailed by this date to be considered for admission.
- Members may submit entries in person at Guild meetings up to and including this date.

Entry Form

Entry forms are available on the Three Rivers Quilters website, many quilt shops, and through members.

- Each entry form must give complete *Quilt Design Credits* including whether the quilt was completed from a Kit or Block of the Month (BOM).
- Please pay particular attention to the section on “*Quilting Technique*” and “*Method of Construction for Top*” and check ALL that apply in each section.
- Quilts can be reassigned to a different category at the discretion of the Entries Committee to place quilts in a more suitable category or to combine or divide categories to better facilitate judging.
- Read each Category carefully to determine where your quilt would be best represented. Any questions may be directed to the Registrar.
- When entering more than one quilt, enter a PRIORITY number

(1, 2, or 3) to indicate the order of priority you prefer for acceptance consideration. Priority will be considered when the number of qualified entries is excessive and must be limited. TRQ reserves the right to accept entries without consideration of Priority to fill or eliminate categories in order to facilitate judging.

Quilt Entries

- There is a limit of three (3) quilts per entrant.
- All entries must be quilted. A quilted entry consists of three (3) layers, primarily fabric, held together by stitching. Quilting stitches pierce all three (3) layers and are distributed throughout the entry. *EXCEPT for those placed in the Potpourri category (if offered), no tied quilts will be accepted.*
- All entries must have been completed within the last five (5) years. Please do not submit entries completed before January 1, 2012.
- All entries must be clean, smoke free, labeled, and ready to hang.
- No items entered and shown in previous Three Rivers Quilt Shows should be submitted.
- No weights of any kind should be added to the quilt.
- All quilts entered must have at least the top completed at the time of entry submission.

- Include with entry form (2) CLEAR 4”x 6” (maximum size) color photos (non-returnable) for each entry. One full front of entire quilt and one close-up of stitching.
- All entry forms must be signed indicating agreement with the stated conditions of entry.

Entry Fees

- TRQ members in good standing (dues paid) get their first entry for only a \$1 fee; \$10 for each additional entry.
- Non-Members entry fee is \$13 for the 1st entry, \$10 for each additional entry.

Optional - ELECTRONIC

SUBMISSION: Scanned entry form and digital photos accepted – **No faxes.** Email completed documents to Show Registrar. Entry fees must then be promptly mailed to address on entry form. Please add additional \$1 per entry for processing the digital submission and printing of photos.

- Checks should be made out to “Three Rivers Quilters, Inc.” (no cash, *exception for TRQ members \$1 fee*)
- Entry fees will not be returned unless a category is eliminated

and entries cannot be reassigned appropriately.

Miscellaneous Rules

- Categories may be eliminated if insufficient entries are received.
- Entries may be re-assigned to an appropriate category if a category is eliminated or the entrant selects an inappropriate category.
- TRQ may publish photographs and descriptions of entries in any media and to post the list of winners on Guild Website (www.threeriversquilters.org).
- TRQ may reject any entry at show time if we discover the rules were violated.
- TRQ may divide categories according to size depending on the number of entries.
- All entries MUST remain on display for the duration of the show.

Security

- Security will be provided 24 hours a day during the show by the Meadows Racetrack & Casino.

Insurance

- Insurance during the show will be provided by Three Rivers Quilters, Inc. in the following amounts: \$500 for quilts greater than 48" on the shortest side; \$100 for quilts shorter than 48" on the shortest side. Be sure to include your quilt on your homeowner's policy or seek additional insurance from an agent if you desire more than our standard coverage.

Shipping

- Shipping costs to and from the show, including insurance during shipping, are the responsibility of the entrant.

- For return, provide a PREPAID return label (preferred) OR a check for \$15 per quilt, payable to Three Rivers Quilters, Inc.
- If you require special handling or extra insurance (more than \$500 per package) you must add these costs to the amount of your check. Failure to enclose sufficient funds will delay the return of your quilt(s).

Quilts for Sale

- If your quilt is available for sale, a sale price must be indicated on the entry form; however, further negotiations are permissible.
- A 10% handling fee will be collected from all sales resulting from quilts being displayed and offered for sale in the Three Rivers Quilt Show.

Requirements for Accepted Quilts

(Notifications of acceptance will be mailed by April 7, 2017)

Delivery Dates

- All accepted quilts must be received by April 22.
- Accepted quilts can be hand delivered to designated local TRQ members Friday, April 21 or Saturday, April 22.
- Names, addresses and times of delivery points will be given in your acceptance letter.
- Mailed entries must arrive at the designated address (provided in your acceptance letter) by April 22.

Preparing your Quilt for Display at the Show

- All quilts must be clean, labeled, and ready to hang: "Show Ready"
- CLEANING INSTRUCTIONS: Check your entry carefully for animal hair, smoke, or other

odors, and stray pen or pencil marks, as well as more obvious stains. Try to remove these and you enhance everyone's appreciation of your entry and the art of quilt making. Please be attentive if you have a wood-burning stove for a smoky odor.

- Attach a sleeve to the back of each quilt so that it is not visible from the front. To construct the sleeve, use a piece of fabric 8 or 9 inches wide and as long as the width of the quilt across the top, but no longer than 96 inches. Hem the two (2) short ends. Fold in half lengthwise and sew the top of the sleeve no more than 90 inches from the bottom of the quilt*. Make sure the stitches do not come

through to the front of the quilt, and be sure to sew both the top and bottom of the sleeve.

- *Quilts which exceed 90" when hung will be draped or pleated over an additional pole midway in the quilt. **Adjust your sleeve to no more than 90" from the bottom of the quilt if you do not want your quilt draped.**
- Each quilt must have an identification label firmly attached (no straight pins!) on the back of the quilt (lower right-hand corner) which includes the title of the quilt, the owner's name and home address, and phone number.

- To ensure impartiality in judging, baste a plain piece of muslin loosely over the top of your identification label (and any other label) so that your personal information is hidden. You may baste using thread or safety pins.
- Fold your quilt 'wrong-side' out so the identification label

- Each quilt entry must be delivered in a cloth bag or pillowcase with entrant's name, address, and phone number written in permanent or indelible marker. No plastic bags! PLEASE: Make sure the bag is big enough to easily hold your quilt when folded and not overly large for small or miniatures. Our members must return your quilt to this bag TWICE (after judging and at the end of show) - make it easy for them! Your quilt will be returned in this same bag at the close of the show.

with muslin cover shows prominently on top.

- As you slip your quilt in the bag, keep the label (covered with muslin) on top near the opening of the bag. It should be easy for us to pin a TRQ judging label on the muslin without removing the quilt from the bag.
- NO fragile embellishment, special hanging apparatus,

frames, etc. without prior approval of the Registrar.

- We reserve the right to refuse to hang a quilt that is not properly prepared or is too large for hanging.

Admission/Attendance to Show

- Each entrant will be given one Exhibitor Ribbon and one multi-day arm band in their acceptance packet. This multi-day armband will allow the quilter to attend as often as she/he wishes during the regular hours of the Quilt Show.
- Group entries will be given one Exhibitor Ribbon and one multi-day armband.
- Please feel free to stand beside your quilt at the show and let those attending know it is yours! Attendees love to ask questions and they love to meet the quilters.
- At 3PM on Saturday April 29 we will have an awards ceremony and will recognize the quilt show winners.

Quilt Pickup

- The show will close promptly at 4 p.m. on Saturday. Everyone not involved in closing activities MUST exit the main showroom and wait in the designated hallway to reclaim their quilt.
- **Quilts will be ready for return at 5:30 p.m. If you choose to leave the building to visit a nearby restaurant, you MUST RETURN NO LATER THAN 6:00 p.m. to reclaim your quilt.**
- Unless you have made arrangements for your quilt to be mailed, quilts must be picked up after the show. **If you cannot wait to pick up**

your quilt, please make arrangements for us to mail it to you.

- **NO QUILTS WILL BE RELEASED EARLY!**
- Your acceptance letter will serve as your "claim check" to reclaim your quilt. You MUST show the acceptance letter to identify yourself as the owner of the quilt.
- Judge's comments about your quilt are enclosed in the "DVD plastic case" used for a show label and will be with your quilt.

Awards

- Ribbons will remain with the quilt and be in the pillowcase or bag used to deliver your quilt.
- Award money will be handed out at the awards ceremony. If you have won prize money and did not receive it by the time you pick up your quilt, please ASK when you receive your quilt.
- Three Rivers Quilters considers the entrant to be the "owner" of the quilt. As such, the entrant will be the recipient of any ribbon(s) or prize money awarded. Ribbons are awarded to the QUILT, not individuals; therefore, duplicate ribbons are not available.
- A 'Quilters Recognition' Ribbon will be awarded to any quilt winning a 1st, 2nd, 3rd, or "Honorable Mention" place quilted by someone other than the entrant. Please see your quilter gets the ribbon awarded to them.

AWARDS & PRIZES

All Categories (Ribbon & Prizes):

All entries are eligible for Category ribbons & prizes.

First Place - \$100.00

Second Place - \$75.00

Third Place - \$50.00

Honorable Mention – Ribbon only award

Special Awards (Ribbon & Prizes):

Best of Show - \$200.00

- Kits and Block of the Month quilts are not eligible for this award. A quilt made from a kit or BOM pattern; fabrics have been pre-selected by a quilt shop or designer, even if some or all fabrics are substitutes.



Best Hand Quilting - \$50.00

- To be eligible the quilt must be the work of ONE person. If someone else hand quilted your quilt it is not eligible for this award.

Best Machine Quilting/

Home Machine - \$50.00

- To be eligible the quilt must be the work of ONE person. If someone else machine quilted your quilt it is not eligible for this award.

Best Machine Quilting/

Longarm Machine - \$50.00

- To be eligible the quilt must be the work of ONE person. If someone else machine quilted your quilt it is not eligible for this award.

Best Hand Embroidery* - \$100.00

The Best Hand Embroidery* award is sponsored and funded by Karen Phillips-Shwallon, "The Quilted Heart"

Best Use of Color - \$50.00

2017 Categories (no entries can exceed 100" maximum width)

Category	Number of Makers	Size - perimeter	Description
Themed	One	Any size. Max. width 100"	Quilt reflects show theme "Two-color". Any Technique.
Themed	Two or More	Any size. Max. width 100"	Quilt reflects show theme "Two-color". Any Technique.
Appliqué	One	Any size. Max. width 100"	Appliqué is predominant technique (90%).
Appliqué	Two or More	Any size Max. width 100"	Appliqué is predominant technique (90%).
Pieced	One	Any size Max. width 100"	Piecing is predominant technique (90%).
Pieced	Two or More	Any size Max. width 100"	Piecing is predominant technique (90%).
Art / Wall Hanging	One	<50" per side	Any art form that uses traditional and non-traditional quilting techniques to create fiber art objects (such as pictures, paintings and landscapes) usually to be hung on a wall.
Kits/Block of the Month	Any number of makers	Any size Max. width 100"	Any quilt made from a kit or Block of the Month pattern where the fabrics have been pre-selected by a quilt shop or designer, even if some or all fabrics are substitutes. Includes patterns with pre-selected/pre-fused fabrics.
Miniature	One	<24" per side	Any technique but on a small scale. Quilts using traditional patterns –a scaled down version of a larger quilt– should include blocks no larger than 4 in" square. A hanging sleeve is helpful, but not required.
Mixed Technique	Any number of makers	Any size Max. width 100"	Balanced combination of both appliqué and piecing; including embroidery & other needlework techniques in any combination.
Modern	Any number of makers	Any Size Max Width 100"	Functional rather than decorative design, asymmetric design, increased negative space, improvisational piecing, modern art/architectural inspired design, simplistic and/ or minimalist.
Potpourri	Any number of makers	Any size Max. width 100"	Crazy Quilt, Yo-Yo, Cathedral Windows or Wholecloth (no tied quilts will be accepted) Use this category if your quilt does not seem to fit in any other category.