

2009 VQF Quilt Contest Information

GENERAL INFORMATION

VQF contest quilts are not juried. Quilts are accepted into the contest based on the entry's postmark date.

Entry fees: \$18 if you are not selling your quilt; \$23 if you are.

Maximum size of quilts accepted is 110" x 110".

If dictated by the number of entries, new categories may be added and/or standing ones subdivided or eliminated.

Each quilt is judged on its own merits. Ribbons are awarded by the judges in accordance with the point system. A given category might have multiple blue ribbon winners or no winners at all. Therefore, the category in which a quilt is entered has no effect on its ability to earn a ribbon.

CATEGORIES

Large Bed Quilts (perimeter 280" or larger; designed to be used as a bed covering)

Pieced: more than 50% pieced

Appliquéd: more than 50% appliquéd

Mixed and Other Techniques: Combination of techniques (e.g., appliquéd, pieced, embellished, embroidered, whole cloth, etc.)

Small Bed Quilts (perimeter less than 280"; designed to be used as a bed covering or throw)

Crib quilts, lap quilts, quilts for youth beds, and other small bed quilts done using any technique.

Wall Quilts (perimeter 96" or larger; designed to be hung for decorative purposes)

Mixed and Other Techniques: Combination of techniques (e.g., appliquéd, pieced, embellished, embroidered, whole cloth, etc.)

Miniatures (perimeter 96" or less)

Quilts must reflect reduced scale and miniaturization; any technique. In a photo you should not be able to distinguish the size of a miniature quilt from a large quilt.

Adult Beginner

You may only enter this category once and the quilt must be the 1st, 2nd, or 3rd quilt of a person aged 18 or older. All categories, except miniatures, may be entered in this category.

Youth Quilts

Quilts made by quilters aged 17 and below. All types and sizes of quilts are accepted. Quilts may be tied. All design and piecing must be done by the youth entrant.

Theme Quilts

VQF has chosen the theme Celebrate! to challenge 2009 contest participants who enjoy creating with a specific idea in mind. A special award will go to the quilt that best expresses this theme. Participation in this aspect of the contest is voluntary.

A quilt entered in any category will be considered for this special theme award if the entry indicates it is a theme quilt. Participants in the theme competition must fill in #17 on the back of the contest entry form and provide a brief description of how the submitted quilt expresses the Celebrate! theme.

Group Quilts

Group quilts (i.e., made by two or more quilters) are accepted in all categories except Adult Beginner. The group's name and the number of quilters involved must be recorded on the entry form in the spaces provided.

JUDGING

Each judge evaluates all entries, scores the quilts using the point system below, and provides a brief written critique. The final score for each entry is the average of the three judges' scores. Score sheets and critiques are returned to contestants with their quilts.

POINT SYSTEM (100 points total)

Visual Impact: 15 points maximum

Design: 40 points maximum

20 points: use of pattern and design

10 points: effectiveness of color in overall design

5 points: suitability of materials

5 points: border treatment

Workmanship: 45 points maximum

20 points: precision of work, top and back

20 points: quality of quilting and/or needlework

5 points: binding and edges

RIBBON CATEGORIES

Exceptional Merit (purple): 98–100 points

First (blue): 94–97 points

Second (red): 90–93 points

Third (yellow): 85–89 points

VQF QUILT CONTEST AWARDS

- Best of Show
- Best Quilt from Outside the USA
- Best Miniature
- Best Pieced
- Best Appliqué
- Best Mixed and Other Techniques
- Best Use of Theme
- * Adult Beginner Award
- * Judge's Choice
- + Fairfield Processing Corporation, Poly-Fil®
Best Hand Quilting Award
- + Machine Quilters Exposition Best Machine Quilting Award

- + Cowles Quilting Machines' Best Longarm Quilting Award
Governor's Award (Vermont entry with the highest score)
Pfaff/Sew Many Treasures
Best Machine Embellishment Award
- * Lt. Governor's Award (Best Youth Quilt)
Founder's Award
Viewer's Choice (decided by show goers' ballots)

Judges may award additional ribbons for special achievement.

- * Awarded at judges' option
- + Awarded to the person who did the quilting

VQF Contest Rules

1. Quilts accepted for the contest will be limited to the first 40 entries for miniature quilts and the first 200 entries for larger quilts **postmarked** between March 2 and March 10, 2009. Entrants from foreign countries (other than Canada) may mail entries to arrive by March 2. **Entries from the U.S. and Canada postmarked before March 2, 2009 will be returned. Because VQF accepts entries on the basis of postmarks, there is no advantage in sending forms by express service.**
2. VQF reserves the right to reject any entry.
3. If you are NOT selling your quilt through VQF, your entry fee is \$18.00, U.S. funds, payable to VQF.
4. If you ARE selling your quilt through VQF, your fee is \$23.00 (entry fee plus \$5.00 sales fee), U.S. funds payable to VQF. VQF commission is 30% of sales price.
5. The cost of shipping to and from the Festival is the quiltmaker's responsibility. Any customs fees incurred for international quilts are the responsibility of the entrant.
6. Each individual or group may enter *only* one quilt—two, if one of them is a miniature quilt.
7. The quilt may have been started any time, but must have been **completed after March 15, 2008.**
8. Once a quilt has been entered into the contest it may not be reentered in subsequent years.
9. Entries are limited to single quilts (i.e., one item) with the body of the quilt made of fabric; no clothing, pillows, or framed/mounted pieces will be accepted.
10. Quilts made from kits (including blocks of the month with fabric packets) and *pre-printed* whole cloth will be disqualified.
11. No profanity or suggestive language in quilt descriptions or on the quilt will be accepted.
12. All quilts must be hand quilted, machine quilted, or both. Tied quilts will *not* be accepted. Crazy quilts and youth quilts are exempt.
13. VQF reserves the right to change a quilt's category, but will attempt to contact the contestant before making such a change.
14. Quiltmakers' names must be completely covered on the quilt's front and back. Whip-stitched muslin may be used, or VQF will cover names with painter's tape. Covers will be removed after the judging.
15. Miniature quilts less than 20" wide do **not** need a sleeve. All others must have a 4"- wide sleeve attached to the back along the top. If the entry isn't square or rectangular, appropriate means of hanging or displaying it on VQF racks must be provided. If there might be a question about how to hang the quilt properly, please include written instructions.
16. All quilts must arrive clean, undamaged, and odor free.
17. All entries are subject to copyright laws. VQF requires entrants to obtain copyright releases when appropriate.
18. The maximum VQF insurance coverage is \$5000.00. Owners of quilts valued above that amount must provide the additional insurance. In case of loss or damage, a certified appraisal or sales receipt documenting value must be presented to receive VQF reimbursement. Quilts are covered by VQF insurance from the time they are received by VQF until they are returned to the owner or designated recipient.
19. Entry and sales fees are not refundable if the entry is withdrawn from the contest after being accepted. If the entry is not accepted, the fees will be returned.
20. Entries must be available for hanging, judging and display from June 14 through June 21, 2009. Mailed quilts must arrive by June 12, 2009.
21. **No entry will be taken down before the end of the Festival.**
22. All decisions of the judges are final.

Question? Contact Lorraine Hall at VQFcontest@hotmail.com or call (603) 942-7138.



Vermont Quilt Festival

2009 Quilt Contest Entry Form

for VQF use only

C _____
check # _____
& amount _____
For Sale: Yes No

quilt rec'd _____
check # _____
& amount _____
receipt sent _____
ribbon _____

1. Individual/Group Name (Quilt top maker) _____
 (Contact for group) _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State/Province _____ Zip _____
 Country _____ Email _____
 Phone (day/evening) _____ / Phone (cell) _____

2. Name, City, State of person who quilted top _____

3. Quilt Title _____
4. Date quilt was/will be **completed**: month _____ year _____

5. Category (**please circle only ONE**) (Refer to information sheet for descriptions)

1. Bed Quilt, Pieced	5. Wall Quilt, Pieced	8. Miniature, Any Technique
2. Bed Quilt, Appliquéd	6. Wall Quilt, Appliquéd	9. Adult Beginner
3. Bed quilt, Mixed & Other Techniques	7. Wall Quilt, Mixed & Other Techniques	10. Youth (Age of youth _____)
4. Small Bed Quilt, Any Technique		

6. Size of entry in inches: _____" wide X _____" long
7. Perimeter (distance around outside edge) _____"

8. Entry hangs (circle one): Horizontally Vertically Other (explain) _____

9. Name(s), address(es), and email(s) of local newspaper(s). Please provide **complete** information.

10. Describe your quilt in 3-4 sentences. We reserve the right to edit. State if an original design; if not, provide pattern source.

11. **Enclose two color photos** (any type – no color slides) no larger than 4" x 6" of the **whole quilt**, not close ups. Print your name and address on the back of both pictures. Do **NOT** attach them.

12. Is your quilt for sale? YES NO If yes, please indicate the VQF sale price below.
 Amount wanted \$ _____ plus 30% VQF commission \$ _____ = the VQF selling price \$ _____

13. Value of your quilt (for insurance purposes) _____

