



## CONTEST FAQs

### DOES VERMONT QUILT FESTIVAL AWARD CASH OR ITEM PRIZES?

No, people enter Vermont Quilt Festival because their work is judged independently by 3 professional judges. Each judge evaluates all the entries and scores the quilts on a point system and writes a brief critique. These are given to the contestant with return of their quilt.

### WHAT IS YOUR SCORING SYSTEM?

Quilts are scored on a 100 point scale: 15 points for overall visual impact, 40 points for design and 45 points for workmanship. A detailed description can be found in the catalog and in the rules with the entry form.

### WHY DO I SEE MORE THAN ONE 1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE RIBBON IN A CATEGORY?

Each quilt is judged on its own merit and not in competition with the other quilts. Because of this, each quilt in a category may be awarded a ribbon or there may be no ribbons present in a category.

**ARE VERMONTERS JUDGED ALONG WITH EVERYONE ELSE?** As stated above, each quilt is judged on its own merit, however there is a Special Award for the highest scoring quilt from the state of Vermont. It is the Governor's Award.

**IS VERMONT QUILT FESTIVAL JURIED?** No, we accept the first 40 miniature and first 200 larger quilts that follow the contest rules. Entry forms must be postmarked between February 1<sup>st</sup> and February 10<sup>th</sup> of the year of the show.

### WHY IS 200 THE LIMIT ON CONTEST QUILTS?

At this time the number seems to work the best for everyone, i.e. judges, contest committee, volunteers, time frame and space. As the show changes, this number can also change.

### I MADE A QUILT 5 YEARS AGO, CAN I ENTER IT?

No, Vermont Quilt Festival exhibits new work only. The quilt must have been finished after February 10<sup>th</sup> of the previous year of the show. In other words, a quilt to be exhibited in 2011 must have been finished after February 10, 2010, the closing dates for entries in the 2010 show.

### DO YOU ACCEPT KITS?

No. Quilts that are purchased kits, blocks of the month that includes fabric, pre-printed whole cloth, or quilts are not accepted.

### WHAT IF I USED THE BLOCK OF THE MONTH PATTERNS ONLY?

We accept quilts made from Blocks of the Month when a quilter interprets the pattern with her own choice of fabric. That is no different than using another purchased pattern.

### WHAT ABOUT QUILTS THAT ARE TIED?

Tied quilts are only accepted if they are crazy quilts or are in the youth quilt category. Tying is accepted when used as embellishment and less than 50% of the quilt is tied.

### HOW ARE QUILTS IN THE THEME CATEGORY JUDGED?

The Best Use of Theme Award is a Special Award. The winning quilt does not have to have earned a 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, or 3<sup>rd</sup> place. It is awarded to the quilt that the judges collectively think best fits the theme.

### DOES MY QUILT HAVE TO FOLLOW THE THEME TO BE IN THE CONTEST?

No, the Best Use of Theme Award is open to all contestants, but is not a necessary requirement to the contest. Some quilters enjoy having a theme to follow in creating their quilt for the show.