

Quilt Entry Instructions

GENERAL INFORMATION

The National Quilting Association, Inc. has sponsored a quilt show and competition for 41 consecutive years. Entries are evaluated by a panel of three NQA Certified Judges. A printed evaluation form is returned for all entries. Ribbon awards are given at the discretion of the judges. A participation ribbon and commemorative quilt label are presented to all entrants.

ENTRY RULES – Please read carefully

1. Entry forms must be **received** by May 1, 2010, and will be accepted until 400 entries are received. Allow time for mailing. After this, all paperwork, photos, and fees will be returned.

2. All entries must be clean, free of smoke or odor, and constructed of fabric. All entries must contain quilting except category #10-“Other,” which may or may not contain quilting.

All quilt entries must have hanging sleeves. See directions for sleeves under Preparing Show Entry.

3. Entries must have been completed after January 1, 2005, and cannot have been exhibited at a previous national NQA show.

4. NQA reserves the right to refuse, and assumes no liability for, entries that require special handling. **Quilts must be able to be folded.** Please, **NO** fragile embellishments, special hanging apparatus, frames, etc.

5. Limit of one item per category per entrant; one category per item. Except for category 14, quilt size does not determine category; intended use of the quilt, construction techniques, and/or number of makers are the determining factors.

6. **All quilts must be entirely the work of one person unless entered in categories 11, 12, 13, or 16.**

7. Entries that do not meet these rules will not be judged or exhibited. Entrants will be notified of disqualification as soon as possible.

8. Entries placed in an incorrect category by the entrant will be evaluated and displayed, but will not be eligible for any awards. It is not the intent of NQA to exclude any entries that meet the requirements. Any entry with surface embellishments should be entered under major construction technique, unless it is a duet or group quilt.

9. Entry fees are non-refundable.

10. Quilts that arrive after June 11, 2010, will be returned unopened.

11. In order to make the process of conferring awards more equitable for all entrants regardless of category, NQA reserves the right to award multiple ribbons where the number of entries in that category is disproportionately large in comparison to the others. At NQA's sole discretion, these categories may be sub-divided by **size** into two sub-categories.

12. Quilt may not measure more than 108" on the **hanging** side.

Questions? Please direct quilt entry questions **ONLY** to: Cindy Erickson at 402-592-7765 or judgingcoor@nqaquilts.org.

ENTRY CONFIRMATION, SHIPPING, AND RETURN

You will receive both a “Confirmation of Exhibit” notification (e-mail or postcard) and a shipping packet. The latter will contain all information and items needed for shipping your entry. **Please, do not ship your entry before receiving this shipping packet, which will arrive on or about May 14.**

In-person pick-up will NOT begin before 7:30 P.M. on Saturday, June 19.

Entries will be return shipped Monday, June 21. If you do not wish to have your quilt return shipped by NQA via Fed Ex Ground (tracked, with signature required), you must enclose a **pre-paid shipping label** for the carrier of your choice when you send your quilt to NQA. Foreign entries will receive additional instructions.

PREPARING SHOW ENTRY

Bed and wall quilts must have a sleeve attached (4" opening; sewn or basted securely, top and bottom of sleeve) to the back of the quilt. The top of the sleeve must be no more than 90" from the bottom of the quilt. Miniatures should have a sleeve or loops appropriate to their size. **ENTRIES RECEIVED WITHOUT SLEEVES OR SLEEVES IMPROPERLY ATTACHED WILL NOT BE EXHIBITED.**

Entries must be labeled with name of entrant or maker. Quilted clothing requires a label on each piece of the ensemble. For fairness in judging, you are required to baste a piece of fabric over the name(s) of the quilt maker(s) or entire label before sending the entry.

PACKING THE BOX

Each entry – enclosed in a plastic bag of appropriate size – must be shipped or delivered in a separate box, of sturdy material, appropriate to the size of the entry. ****NO dress boxes. DO NOT USE PACKING PELLETS OF ANY KIND.**

We strongly urge shipment of your entry by a tracking and delivery confirmation method.

INSURANCE

NQA will provide the following “Standard Insurance Coverage” for your entry:

- \$500 - for quilts 70" and greater on the short side
- \$250 - for clothing and quilts less than 70" and greater than 24" on the shortest side
- \$100 - for quilts 24" or less on the shortest side

If you desire more than “Standard Coverage,” please be certain to include your quilt on your homeowner's policy or to secure additional insurance through your agent.

Deadline

Entry form must be **received** by May 1, 2010. Allow time for mailing. Send entry forms, with photo, to:

**NQA Entries
1403 10th St.
Harlan, IA 51537**

Please notify Entry Coordinator, Jennifer Perkins, at 712-755-5383 or quiltentry@nqaquilts.org of any decision to withdraw an entry after its acceptance into the show.