



# BOISE BASIN QUILTERS GUILD

## QUILT SHOW OFFICIAL RULES

Theme: "My Country 'tis of Thee"

**September 25-26, 2026**

**PLEASE READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY**

### BBQ JUDGING POLICY

The decision for the category entered is the sole responsibility of the maker (entrant). Quilts may not be moved by an entrant to another category after the entry form is processed. Any quilt in the wrong category will not be eligible for an award and no entry fee will be refunded. However, the Quilt Show Committee and/or the judges reserve the right to divide or combine categories, move entries to a more appropriate category or not display a quilt deemed inappropriate for the show. Judges' decisions regarding awards are final.

### GENERAL GUIDELINES

1. A quilt shall be composed of three layers: a top, batting (filler) and a backing, and may be hand and/or machine stitched. Backing/Batting Exceptions: Category 2000: Art Representational by One or More; Category 2100: Art Non-Representational by One or More; and 2200: Other Techniques By One or More.
2. Each maker (entrant) may enter only one quilt per judged category. No limits on Category 2800: Display (Exhibit Only) Non-Judged.
3. Quilts displayed in previous BBQ shows cannot be entered. The finished quilt must have been completed within two years at the time of the show entry deadline (after **August 21, 2024**).
4. Quilts must be in clean and excellent condition. They must be free of all stains, pet hairs, lint, odors and laundry fragrances. When evidence of pet hair, lint, odors or laundry fragrances is present, the quilt will be isolated without being judged or shown. No entry fee will be refunded.
5. Unless otherwise stated in a category, quilt perimeters should not exceed 440 inches, that is no more than 110 inches per side. See specific categories for smaller size requirements. The Perimeter is the outside measurement of the quilt. For a rectangular quilt, add the width plus length and multiply by 2 (width + length) x 2). Please be accurate with your measurements. Quilts entered incorrectly by size will be disqualified for awards and no entry fee will be refunded.

6. To ensure fairness in judging, you must check the appropriate boxes on the Entry Form. Note that a quilt made faithfully following a designer's pattern and following the designer's colorway using your own fabrics is considered a kit. All kitted quilts must be entered into the Workmanship Categories 100, 200 or 300 and ARE NOT eligible for Best of Show.
7. Our pipe-and-drape exhibit can accommodate quilts up to 88" long and 105" wide. Wider quilts will be folded to hang. Quilts longer than 88" must have a 4" sleeve on bottom back so a rod can be inserted to keep the quilt from lying on the floor. The sleeve can be attached by hand stitching or with safety pins. The sleeve should be made as a tube to protect the quilt backing fabric. If a quilt is longer than 88" and a tube sleeve is not present, the quilt will not be hung to prevent damage to the quilt.
8. A false back is when, after a quilt is finished, another layer of fabric/paper is added to the back that covers up the quilting/stitching. False backs are acceptable only in Art Categories 2000 and 2100. All other categories with false backs will be accepted for "Exhibit Only" since, in the other judged categories, the quality and workmanship on a quilt must be evaluated from both the front and back without barriers.
9. Exceptions to Backing/Batting Requirements: Where quilting is not traditional (e.g., Crazy Quilts, Yo-Yo Quilts, etc.), the quilt should be entered in Category 2200: Other Techniques By One or More.
10. Framed work will not be accepted.
11. Quilts for Sale: If you wish to sell your quilt, indicate Yes on the entry form and state the price. BBQ will collect payment including sales tax and retain 15% of the sales price as commission for BBQ. Allow three weeks after the closing of the Quilt Show to receive your proceeds.
12. Awards: Our certified judges may award prizes.
  - a. Within each category:
    - i. First Place: Blue ribbon and an award valued at \$100
    - ii. Second Place: Red ribbon and an award valued at \$50
    - iii. Third Place: White ribbon and an award valued at \$25
    - iv. Honorable Mention: Ribbon
  - b. Special Awards:
    - i. Best Hand Quilting
    - ii. Best Stationary Machine Quilting
    - iii. Best Longarm Free Motion
    - iv. Best Longarm Computerized
  - c. Best of Show: Large: Ribbon and an award valued at \$200

## **ENTRIES AND FEES**

1. There are four different ways to enter a quilt.
  - a. "Judged" Entry: Categories 100-2700

- b. “Youth” Entry: Category 2400 (Entrant making the quilt must be no older than 17 years of age at the time of the Quilt Show.)
  - c. “Exhibit Only” Entry: Categories 2800 and 2900
  - d. “Small Group Challenge” Entry: Category 3000
    - i. A Small Group can display more than one exhibit. Each exhibit/challenge must have its unique entry form and fee.
    - ii. Each quilt must have its own entry form. All Small Group Challenge entry forms must be turned in together as a group exhibit. If the Small Group Representative is a BBQ member, there will be a **\$25 entry fee** per exhibit. Otherwise, one **\$40 entry fee** is required per exhibit. One person should physically deliver all the quilts in the exhibit. (**CLICK HERE** to refer to the Small Group Exhibits Special Instructions document.)
2. Entry Fees (non-refundable)
- a. BBQ Members:
    - i. Judged: Categories 100-2300, 2500-2700  
Each maker (entrant) may enter only one quilt per category. The fee is **\$5.00 per quilt**.
    - ii. Exhibit Only: Categories 2800 and 2900  
There is no limit to the number of quilts you enter in these two categories. No fee is required for guild members.
  - b. Youth Entry: Category 2400  
There is **no fee** for a youth quilt. Only one quilt per maker may be entered.
  - c. Non-Members: ALL adult entries require an entry fee of **\$40 for the first entry** and **\$10 per quilt** for additional entries.
  - d. Small Group Challenge: Category 3000
    - i. If the Small Group Representative is a BBQ member, a **\$25 fee** is required for the exhibit.
    - ii. If your Representative is not a BBQ Guild member, a **\$40 fee** is required for the exhibit.

## ENTRY FORMS

1. Due to time constraints, all ENTRY FORMS, FEES, QUILT PHOTOS and PATTERN COVER PHOTOS must be received on or before **August 20, 2026**. (Quilt submission not required until **September 21, 2026**.) Entry opportunities consist of
  - a. In person at the BBQ Membership Meeting on **August 20, 2026**, beginning at 6 pm.
  - b. Submit online. (**CLICK HERE** for Adult Entry Form.)

- c. Mail hard copies to be received no later than **August 20 2026** to
- BBQ Quilt Show Entries  
PO Box 4434  
Boise ID 83711
2. Every entry whether printed or uploaded must include
- a. A fully completed and signed entry form indicating
- i. Category Number: For category descriptions, **CLICK HERE**. Please read the descriptions carefully. For questions as to the appropriate category, contact Jennifer Price. (See below for contact information.)
- ii. Physical size: Refer to the definitions for each category to determine appropriate category. The Perimeter is the outside measurement of the quilt. For a rectangular quilt, add the width and length and multiply by 2. Please be accurate with your measurements. (For example, the perimeter of a 20" x 30" quilt would be 50" multiplied by 2 to equal 100".)
- iii. Quilting Method: Hand, Stationary/Domestic, Track/Longarm and/or Computer. **CLICK HERE for definitions** on the Quilt Label.
- b. Entry fee must accompany entry form.
- c. A full COLOR photo of each quilt and an accurate COLOR photo of the cover of the pattern used (if the quilt is not 100 percent original) must be included. (Pattern photo not required for Youth entries.) Photos are used for identification, category review and security purposes. No entry form will be accepted without these photos.
- i. Printed Submissions: An accurate COLOR picture of the FULL quilt top, as well as an accurate COLOR picture of the quilt pattern used (if the quilt is not 100 percent original) must be attached to every paper entry form. Picture size should be 5" x 7" up to 8" x 10". Please indicate "TOP" of quilt on printed picture.
- ii. Online Submissions: The online form requires color photo uploads. **CLICK HERE** to view the Quilt Show website for upload sizing instructions.)

### **QUILT IN-TAKE**

1. Quilt in-take is **September 21, 2026**, at Expo Idaho, Western Town.  
NO LATE QUILTS WILL BE ACCEPTED – NO EXCEPTIONS.  
NO quilts will be accepted with evidence of pet hair. Please remove any pet hair before bringing your quilt to Expo Idaho. There will not be areas for you to clean your quilt there.
2. Quilt Label should be attached to bottom, left side on back of quilt. To find the quilt label **CLICK HERE**. The label can be secured with hand stitching or safety pins.
3. Remove or cover any quilt labels which display the quilter's name and personal information.

4. Quilts will be accepted on Monday, **September 21, 2026**, between the hours of 12:30 pm to 6:00 pm at

“Western Town”  
Expo Idaho  
5610 N Glenwood St.  
Boise, ID 83714

Western Town is located at Expo Idaho behind the quilt show venue. ([CLICK HERE](#) for a map of Western Town.)

Free parking will be available at Western Town for quilt in-take.

5. If you are unable to bring your quilt to Expo Idaho during this time, please arrange for someone to bring it for you.
6. Shipped quilts must be received by Jennifer Price no later than **September 18, 2026**. Required paper label must be attached as per directions on label sheet. Additionally, a return shipping label and shipping insurance fees **MUST** also be provided if the quilt will not be picked up in person on **September 26, 2026**.

Shipped quilts should be sent to: Jennifer Price  
7002 N Sunset Maple Way  
Meridian ID 83646

7. Quilts will be folded during processing.

### **QUILT PICK-UP**

1. Quilt pick-up will be on Saturday, **September 26, 2026**, between 6 and 7 pm (one hour after Quilt Show closing) at Expo Idaho.
2. No quilts can be removed from the building without following the check out/pick-up process.
3. The person picking up the quilt(s) must present the claim check(s) identifying the quilt. If the claim check is not presented, please allow for additional time to guarantee the correct quilt is returned.

#### **CONTACTS:**

General questions: [quiltshow@boisebasinquilters.org](mailto:quiltshow@boisebasinquilters.org)

Entry questions: [qsentries@boisebasinquilters.org](mailto:qsentries@boisebasinquilters.org)

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