

Hill Country Quilt Guild – May 2023 Quilt Show

Tips for a Successful Quilt Entry

1. Use the on-line form for your entry

A Planning sheet has been provided for your use to gather the information you need for your entry form, but it is not your entry. The entry form link is available on our HCQG website with the password “quilter”. Once you post your entry, you will receive a confirmation that it was received. In the event that you do not have access to a computer or the ability to utilize the on-line entry form, notify the Entry Team. The team will work with you to make sure you have the same opportunity to show your quilt.

2. Check and double check your contact information, email and phone.

This is our method of communication to our entrants, so accuracy is very important. If you submit an entry and do not receive a confirmation. Contact the Entry team, your email may be in error and need to be corrected.

3. Read the rules FIRST:

First of all, rules get written for good reason. Past experience means the rules are regularly modified to meet the needs for a successful show for you. Entries must comply with all rules or entry will be rejected.

4. Read category descriptions carefully:

You know your quilt and how it was created. Look at all the different techniques you used and select the best. Final placement in a category will be at the discretion of the Entries/Acquisition Committee with input from the Quilt Show chair, if needed. If a quilt is moved to another category, the quilt maker will be notified. If you are unsure which category to identify, contact your Entry Team to discuss options.

There are a few categories which have limited flexibility, so keep these in mind:

- a. If a quilt is a kit or B.O.M. that used the pre-selected fabrics provided, then it must go into that designated category.
- b. If any portion of the quilt top was created by computer assistance, it must go into that category (fancy stitches from your standard sewing machine are not included).

5. Fill in the dimensions of the quilt properly:

You may not know how big or small your quilt will end up after you finish quilting. However, we have to know how wide the quilt is for display planning, and we have to know overall dimensions to ensure it is in the correct category. Please give us your best guess – preferably on the larger side than the smaller side. Also, please round up to the nearest inch (i.e.. no fractions).

6. Avoid writing “too many words” or saying nothing about your quilt

The maximum word count for your description is 80 words. The flip side of the “too many words” equation is “too few.” People like to know about their favorite quilts. Was it a pattern they could buy? Was it made for a special reason? Did it take you a long time? Why did you enter it in the show? Just one little glimpse into your quilt making heart makes your quilt all the more memorable. Please use full sentences.

7. **Not filling in the name of the quilter:**

So, maybe you haven't booked a quilter at the time you are completing the form. However, we need the information for the quilt signage (which must be printed in advance). Please let the entry team know as soon as confirmed.

8. **Take the photo requirement seriously:**

We use the photos submitted to plan the order that the quilts will be hung in the display area. It is critical that you submit two copies for your quilt entry. Here are a few hints:

- Photos can be photograph size or half page if printed on your home printer.
- Avoid printing on a printer that has run out of one or more ink colors (so the quilt looks like it is a different color than it actually is)
- If your quilt is not completed, do your best to provide us a copy of what the quilt might look like. even if it is still sitting on your design wall.
- We do NOT expect anyone to submit professional-quality photos, but we do want to know what your quilt really looks like so the layout team can display it best.

9. **Get your entry in by the deadline.**

Once entries are closed, all of the entries must be reviewed by both the Entries Committee for eligibility and verify the appropriate category placement. Then the process of planning quilt placement must begin. We cannot start over to accommodate a late entry. Quilts are eligible for entry up to three (3) years after completion. If you miss the deadline, you may be able to do so next show.

10. **Provide photos and pay the fees by the deadline.**

Just as noted above, once entries are closed, there is still much to be done and other teams waiting for the information so they may do their part. Having experienced the challenges that occur when we try to be "accommodating" we realize we need to hold firm to the deadline that is announced nearly a year before the show.

11. **Mark your calendar now with critical dates:**

- Deadline for your entry: March 24, 2023
- Check-In your quilt for the Show: Tuesday, May 23rd, 9:00-11:00am
- Pick-Up your quilt from the show: Sunday, May 28th, 2:00pm – 4:00pm