

CATEGORY DESCRIPTIONS

Art Quilt – A quilt suited to hanging on a wall versus a bed quilt. An art quilt experiments with textile manipulation, color, texture and/or a diversity of mixed media. An Art Quilt often pushes quilt boundaries. Can be an original concept, inspired by a photo, or made from contemporary quilt art patterns.

Modern Quilt - The use of bold colors and prints, high contrast and graphic areas of solid color, improvisational piecing, minimalism, expansive negative space, and alternate grid work. "Modern traditionalism" or the updating of classic quilt designs would also fit in this category.

Machine Appliqué: This category includes appliqué that is attached by machine, raw edge appliqué, and machine embroidered quilts.

Hand Work: Items where the **main** feature of the quilt is handwork, such as hand piecing, hand quilting, hand applique, hand embroidery, wool appliqué, and surface design.

Traditional: Often thought of as a classic quilt, functional, usually made from blocks that have a history in quilting, made from a specific pattern, constructed more or less within the "rules" of quilting.

A Child in Mind: Baby quilts and/or quilts that are focused on youth interests.

Beginner Quilt: This category is for those new to quilting - includes all beginner adults and junior quilters under age 18.

Vintage Quilts: Quilts made prior to 1960. Quilts do not have to be made by entrant – they can be family heirlooms, purchased, etc. Quilts should be clean, unstained, and in good condition for hanging and display.

Quilted Items: Wearable art such as skirts and vests, purses and tote bags, quilted stools, etc.. Entrants are required to supply dress forms or hangers if required for display. We cannot accept wood or framed art pieces due to display restrictions.