



2026 Quilt Entry Information

Entry Rules for All Quilts

1. GVQC members may enter quilts in any classification.
2. Entrants who are not GVQC members may enter quilts in only the Professionally Judged classification.
3. Quilts must have been completed after January 1, 2021.
4. No quilt may have been exhibited in any prior GVQC quilt show.
5. Entries must be submitted online between January 1, 2026, and March 15, 2026.
6. Entries will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis, and at the discretion of GVQC QuiltFest.
7. Quilts must be clean, and free of odor and pet hair.
8. Quilts must have a label firmly attached to a lower corner of the quilt back. The label must include your name, the name of the quilt, and your phone number. If your quilt is being Professionally Judged, you must cover the label with opaque fabric attached securely by either safety pins or basting stitches.
9. Quilts must have a 3" or wider hanging sleeve sewn or safety pinned to the top of the quilt.

NOTE: The quilt length from the top of the sleeve to the bottom of the quilt cannot exceed 90". If the quilt is longer, the sleeve must be positioned far enough down from the top of the quilt so that the 90" length is not exceeded. The top of the quilt above the top of the sleeve will be draped over the hanging rod to the back of the quilt.

10. Quilts should be no more than 110" across the top. See category descriptions for additional measurement restrictions.
11. GVQC QuiltFest is not equipped to handle international shipments or customs forms.
12. Insurance on entered quilts is the responsibility of the owner.
13. Quilts that do not meet these rules will not be exhibited or judged. Decisions will be made by GVQC QuiltFest Chairs and the entrant will be notified as soon as possible.



Professionally Judged Entries (open to GVQC Members and Non-Members)

- Entry fee per quilt: \$15.00 for GVQC Members; \$20.00 for Non-Members, paid online with credit card.
- Written critique will be provided for each entry.
- The judges reserve the right to re-categorize any quilt. ***Monetary Prizes and Ribbons***

\$500.00: Best of Show

\$150.00: Best Use of Color

\$150.00: Best Machine Quilting-Stationary

\$150.00: Best Machine Quilting-Track Mounted

\$150.00: Best Hand Quilting

\$100.00 (3 awards): Judge's Choice

\$150.00: First Place in each judging category

\$100.00: Second Place in each judging category

\$50.00: Third Place in each judging category

Ribbon: Honorable Mention in each judging category in which a minimum of 20 quilts has been entered.

Category Descriptions

Appliqué: Appliqué is the dominant technique with half or more of the quilt appliquéd using raw edge, turned edge, or fused appliqué techniques. Quilt perimeter 145" or greater.

Art: May be abstract or pictorial. Original design reflecting innovative construction, design, technique, theme, or subject matter and/or materials. No published patterns or kits. Quilt perimeter 145" or greater.

Mixed Techniques: Includes quilts using two or more techniques with equal prominence, whole cloth quilts, preprinted whole cloth quilts, crazy quilts, and embroidered quilts. Quilt perimeter 145" or greater.

Modern: Inspired by Modern design, which includes use of bold color and prints, high contrast, expansive negative space, non-traditional layout and/or improvisational piecing. May be update of classic quilt design. Quilt perimeter 145" or greater.

Pieced, Single Maker: Piecing predominates over other techniques in amount and effect. Only one person is involved in piecing, quilting and binding. Quilt perimeter 145" or greater.

Pieced, Multiple Makers: Piecing predominates over other techniques in amount and effect. More than one person is involved in the completion, including quilting by a person other than the maker (or makers) of the top. Quilt perimeter 145" or greater.

Small: Any technique. Quilt perimeter less than 145".

Wool Appliqué: Wool is used for at least 75% of the applique. Wool shapes are attached to background fabric (wool, wool felt, cotton, flannel or a blend) using embroidery stitches. Wool pieces may be layered and embellished with additional embroidery stitches, buttons, beads and ribbon to add texture and variety. There are no size requirements for this category.



GVQC Member Judged Entries (open to GVQC Members only)

- No entry fee.

- Quilts will be judged by selected GVQC members.
- No written critique will be provided.
- Ribbons will be awarded for First, Second, Third, and Honorable Mention in each category.

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GVQC Member Non-Judged Entries

- No entry fee.
- Ribbons will be awarded in only the Youth category.

Category Descriptions

“Land That I Love” Quilt Challenge: Each side 30” or less, with perimeter 120” or less.

National/International Award Winning or Published Quilts: Enter by invitation only.

Youth: For ages 16 and under. Must have GVQC Member sponsor. No restriction on size or type of quilt.

Commemorative Quilts (the ABC Quilts) should be entered in the category of how they were made (Appliqué, Mixed Techniques, Pieced Single Maker, etc.). There is no separate category for this quilt.



Selling Your Quilt

- You may offer your quilt for sale. You determine the selling price.
- 8% NYS sales tax will be added to the price and collected from the buyer.
- You will receive 80% of the sale price. GVQC will receive 20% of the sale price.

Quilt Packaging

- Each quilt must be submitted in its own clear plastic bag with zip lock closure and handles. (Ziplock Big Bags in large and jumbo sizes are available from Amazon, Walmart and Home Depot, among others.)
- Each quilt will be returned in the same plastic bag.

- Write your name and phone number in large black letters near the opening edge of each plastic bag and on each item of packaging, such as pool noodles, wrapping, etc.

Quilt Drop-OG In Person

- Location is RIT Gordon Fieldhouse.
- Professionally Judged Entries Accepted: Tuesday, May 12, 2026, from 3:00pm until no later than 6:00pm.
- All Other Entries Accepted:
 Tuesday, May 12, 2026, from 3:00pm until no later than 6:00pm and
 Wednesday, May 13, 2026, from 9:00am until no later than 12:00 noon

Quilt Pick-up In Person

- Location is RIT Gordon Fieldhouse, on Sunday, May 17, 2026, from 5:00pm-6:00pm.
- The ticket you received for each quilt at drop-off must be presented to pick up your quilt. If someone else is picking up your quilts, they must have the tickets.

Mailed Quilts: USPS, Fed Ex, UPS

- Entrants are responsible for the cost of mailing both ways. Include a prepaid mailing with tracking label for the return of your quilt.
- Entrants are responsible for tracking their own packages.
- Send notification of mailing to quiltexhibitschair@gmail.com Include the sender's name, phone number, and tracking number of the package.
- Mail to Beth Kelly, 1089 Bear Creek Circle, Webster, NY 14580.
- Must be received between May 1, 2026, and May 10, 2026.
- Quilts will be mailed back using the prepaid mailing with tracking label provided by the entrant. Judge's written critique and any monetary prize and ribbon will be included in the package.

Withdrawals

- To withdraw a quilt entry, contact jcody.registrar@gmail.com as soon as possible.
- There will be no refunds of entry fees if withdrawal is made after May 1, 2026.

Contact

For further information, contact jcody.registrar@gmail.com

WORKSHEET

- ❖ Use this worksheet to collect and prepare the information you will need to complete the online entry form.
- ❖ This worksheet is not to be used to enter your quilt(s).

- ❖ When you are ready to enter your quilt(s), access the appropriate online quilt entry form on the website- "Quilt Entry"

Your Name: _____

_____ GVQC Member

_____ Non-member

Your Address:

Your Phone Number: _____

Your Email Address: _____

Quilt Name: _____

Year Completed (must be 2021 or later): _____

Check the appropriate quilt judging category below. (See the quilt judging category descriptions in Quilt Entry Information above.)

Professionally Judged Quilt Categories (for both GVQC members and Non-members)

_____ Appliqué

_____ Art

_____ Mixed Techniques

_____ Modern

_____ Pieced, Single Maker

_____ Pieced, Multiple Makers

_____ Small

_____ Wool Appliqué

GVQC Member Judged Quilt Categories (for GVQC members only)

_____ Appliqué (includes Wool Appliqué)

_____ Art

_____ Mixed Techniques

_____ Pieced, Single Maker

_____ Pieced, Multiple Makers

_____ Small

_____ Special Non-Judged Quilt Category: Youth-must also have sponsors name

_____ Special Non-Judged Quilt Category: "The Land that I love" Quilt Challenge

_____ Special Non-Judged Quilt Category: Nat'l/Internat'l Award Winning or Published ilt (by invitation only)

What is the source of the quilt pattern?

_____ Original design

_____ Pattern (purchased, magazine, book, class project, etc.)

_____ Kit

Who designed this pattern or kit and what was the source (title of book or magazine, name of pattern, class project, etc.)

Width in inches across sleeve: _____

Height in inches top to bottom: _____

Note: If the quilt is longer than 90", it must be shortened by safety pinning it up from the bottom. Alternatively, you may place the top of the sleeve far enough down from the top of the quilt so that the 90" limit is not exceeded. The top of the quilt above the top of the sleeve will be draped over the hanging rod to the back of the quilt. If your quilt is being professionally judged, the safety pins will be removed for judging and re-attached after judging.

Pieced or appliquéd by: _____

Method of piecing:

_____ hand _____ machine _____ combination of hand and machine

Type of quilting:

_____ hand. _____ stationary machine _____ track-mounted system

Quilted by: _____

Self, name of longarm quilter, or name of business

Is this quilt for sale: _____ yes _____ no

If yes, what is the asking price: _____

Note: You will receive 80% of the sale price. GVQC will receive 20% of the sale price. NYS sales tax (8%) will be collected from the buyer.

Narrative Card Information

A paragraph of 65 words or less for the narrative card to be attached to your hung quilt must be submitted with your entry form.

Write out your narrative. You must give credit for any part of your quilt that is not your original design (for example: McCall's Magazine, kit pattern name/designer, name of purchased pattern, pattern/design based on photo taken by...etc.) This paragraph should include:

- * Brief history/description of your entry
- * Hand or machine pieced/Appliqued?
- * Hand or machine quilted?
- * Techniques (trapunto, embroidery, special threads, etc.)
