

2026 QUILT SHOW RULES

SOUTHWEST FLORIDA QUILTERS GUILD presents: 'Every Quilt has a Story'

1. Registrations are due by January 20, 2026. You may file online for a paperless registration (directions are available on our website www.swfqq.com under the Members Only tab) or submit a completed 2026 Registration Form with an attached color photo. The photo is for identification purposes only and can be printed on plain paper. We do not accept EQ renditions.
2. Quilts should never have been displayed in Southern Florida – coast to coast from Orlando south.
3. All quilts must be at least 3 layers and quilted by hand, by machine, or both, except for quilts in the "Other Techniques" category or in the "Art Quilt" category. Embellishments must be securely attached; SWFQG is not responsible for embellishments. Quilts must be in excellent condition: undamaged, clean, and free of stains, odors, and (pet) hair. The Show Committee reserves the right to reject entries.
4. Quilts must have been completed within the last two years.
5. The quilt must be constructed and quilted by person(s) named on the registration form.
6. Southwest Florida Quilters' Guild members may enter up to five quilts.
7. Quilts may not be pre-quilted fabrics or framed with wood, metal, etc.
8. Each quilt should have a fabric label with the maker's name(s), and quilt name attached to the back. With the wrong side of the quilt facing up, attach the label to the bottom left corner. A piece of fabric must be thread basted over the name(s) of makers. **DO NOT COVER THE ENTIRE LABEL!** NO PINS and NO TAPE!
9. All show quilts will be insured for the cost of fabric replacement only.
10. Each quilt MUST have a 4" finished sleeve sewn on the upper back of the quilt, the full width of the quilt. Miniatures should have a hanging sleeve appropriate to the size of the quilt.
11. The Show Committee reserves the right to accept, reject, or reclassify quilts if rules are not followed or if another category is more applicable. The show committee has the right to combine or separate categories.
12. All decisions of the judge will be final. The judge will determine the number and level of ribbons awarded. Under no circumstance should members contact the judge directly. Questions concerning critiques should be directed to the Judging Chair.
13. Completed registration forms with photos may be turned in to Joyce Grande in person at a guild meeting, mailed or completed online by the deadline date of January 20, 2026.
14. You must be a member of Southwest Florida Quilters Guild by the time of quilt turn in and 2026 dues must be paid.
15. This is a closed show and only members of SWFQG may enter quilts. You may enter a quilt that has been quilted (machine or hand, paid or not) by a nonmember in the partner or group categories only.
16. Only quilts that have been pieced & quilted by **guild members** are eligible for any 'Best of' awards.
17. Partner Categories will be awarded two ribbons – one for the maker and one for the quilter. Group Category will be awarded one ribbon to the registrant.
18. 'Best of' Award winners will be awarded one ribbon each regardless of the originating category.
19. Limit: only 1 quilt with a perimeter greater than 350" per entrant (due to hanging limits).