2026 Quilt Festival Entry Information & Categories

Overall Rules:

- Only KQ members will be able to register for the Festival. You must become a member or renew your membership by September 21, 2026, to be eligible to enter.
- The KQ Quilt Festival committee reserves the right to photograph quilts and display them digitally on our website and/or Facebook page.
- Quilts must be hand or machine quilted. Quilting is defined as a running stitch passing through a minimum of 3 layers. Tacked or tied quilts are not eligible. Limited exceptions are noted in category descriptions.
- Quilts must be a single, stand-alone project. It may not be framed, mounted, or covered.
- Entries into the KQ Quilt Festival cannot have been shown at a previous KQ Quilt Festival/Show.
- Ribbons will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in each category as voted on by the public. New for Quilt Festival 2026: KQ members' votes will be tallied separately, and a "Best of Show" pin will be awarded to the member's entry that received the highest vote in each category for *quilt design*. In addition, KQ members' votes will be tallied separately, and a "Best of Show" pin will be awarded in each category to the member's entry that received the highest vote for *quilting* to be given to the person who quilted the entry.

Categories:

- **Throw or Twin Sized Quilt: One Needle** – pieced and quilted by one person
- **Throw or Twin Sized Quilt: Two Needles** – pieced by one person, quilted by another
- **Full to King Size Quilt: One Needle -** pieced and quilted by one person
- **Full to King Size Quilt: Two Needles** – pieced by one person, quilted by another

●**Festival Challenge:** Size requirement is 24"-36", and the theme is a celebration of all things American. Examples include stars and stripes, Americana, national monuments and parks, national symbols, etc.

●**Appliqué:** Appliqué predominates over other techniques in amount or effect. Wool or cotton, no size limit.

●**Panel Quilt:** No size limit, uses at least one entire panel.

●**Children's Theme:** Intended use would be for a child or for a child's room, either as a wall hanging, play mat, or a toddler/twin bed quilt.

●**Wearables and Accessories:** Items meant to be worn or carried. Must have at least 2 layers of fabric with some type of stitching or quilting holding it together. The item may contain an inner lining that is not quilted. Examples include jackets, vests, handbags, totes, bags, etc.

●**Home decor:** Items whose use beautifies the home. Examples include wall hangings (item was created to hang on the wall, longest side no longer than 48"), table toppers, table runners, pillows, etc.