

All Guild members are encouraged to share their quilts at our annual quilt show in January. Quilters whose membership is active may submit up to three quilts for the show. Entry forms are due early in the fall so it's not too early to think about what quilt(s) you'd like to share. In 2010, the following series of articles was written to provide valuable information on the design, entry and judging process for show quilts.

**CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR INFORMATION REGARDING MORE CURRENT SHOWS (2012 & BEYOND). THE FOLLOWING TIMETABLE WAS CREATED FOR ENTRIES IN THE 2011 QUILT FIESTA:**

**JUNE:** You're thinking about that quilt already, aren't you? Time to pull out your inspiration & begin planning a design if you haven't already done so. Get going!!! The Quilt Show packets and entry forms are ready. For those who cannot print forms off the website, copies will be available at Guild general meetings from June – September.

**JULY:** Check back here on the website for an article on FIRST IMPRESSIONS. There will be some advice on good design for show quilts and information on how to make sure your quilt has VISUAL IMPACT...one of the things the judges will evaluate.

**AUGUST:** Entry forms for the Quilt Fiesta are still available on the Guild website and at General meetings. In August, the web article will focus on workmanship: THE DEVIL IS IN THE DETAILS will explain which construction details score well with the judges.

**SEPTEMBER:** Your quilt is taking shape by now, isn't it. You've designed it to have strong visual impact and you're investing your best workmanship into it. It's almost time to fill out your entry form & take photos...the web article will focus on the finer points of the entry form and give you advice on how to take really great quilt photos. NOTE: WRITTEN ENTRY FORMS FOR THE 2012 SHOW ARE DUE AT THE SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETINGS!

**OCTOBER:** Sorry, late entries will not be accepted. The web article HERE COME THE JUDGES will introduce our 2011 judges and explain the NQA (National Quilt Association) judge certification.

**NOVEMBER:** If you 'faked' a completed quilt in your entry photo, keep plugging away on your masterpiece. If your quilt is actually finished, wahoo! You can relax & enjoy the holidays. Have you ever wondered what goes on in the judging room? The web article this month: A STEP BY STEP GUIDE TO JUDGING will demystify the process.

**DECEMBER:** You're almost to the finish line. The web article READYING YOUR SHOW QUILT will explain everything you need to know before submitting your quilt:

The whys and hows of labels, sleeves, pillowcases and cleanliness.

**JANUARY: SHOWTIME!** Time to turn in your pride & joy and invite all your friends to attend the show. We need all hands on deck to pull off the largest quilt show in Arizona. Volunteer for hanging or take down. Do your stint as hostess and be inspired by all the talented quilters who belong to our Guild.

## **QUILT FIESTA SHOW CATEGORIES:**

Where will your quilt entry/entries belong? Categories do tend to change year to year. Please read the show entry packet for information on the current year. If you have any questions, you can contact Judging co-chairs Nancy Arseneault & Lois Podolny.

Most quilts may be submitted as JUDGED or NON-JUDGED. It's really your call. If you'd like to receive written feedback from the judges designed to help you improve your quilting skills, your entry form should be marked JUDGED and you should include a \$5 per quilt judging fee. You can read more about the judging process in the months to come. Some entries are submitted for display and are not judged. Quilts in ALL categories are eligible for the Viewer's Choice ribbons.

We've divided the quilts into a few major categories based first on HOW MANY PEOPLE WERE INVOLVED IN THE CREATION OF THE QUILT. After all the entries are in, categories may be combined or subdivided based upon the number of entries received. In all categories where size is specified: LARGE quilts are defined as: one length plus one width of the quilt totals more than 120 inches. SMALL quilts are defined as: one length plus one width of the quilt totals less than 120 inches. For example, If your quilt measures 40 inches from top to bottom (length) and 60 inches from side to side (width):  $40 + 60 = 100$  inches. This quilt belongs in the SMALL category.

As quilters, we love to see what everyone is doing. Whether you make your quilts entirely on your own, work with a professional quilter or create as part of a group, we encourage you to enter the show. Whether you make large or small quilts, pieced or appliquéd quilts, traditional quilts or art quilts, **PLEASE ENTER THE SHOW AND SHARE YOUR WORK WITH OTHERS!**

