

2026 HSQG Quilt Show Entry Rules and Definitions

RULES:

1. **Deadline for submission of entry forms is January 22, 2026. No late entries accepted. Completed entry forms must include photo and hang tag statement and be received by January 22. Be cautious of the deadline if mailing.**
2. You must have a current HSQG membership to enter.
3. The entry must have been made by the guild member in whole or part.
4. You may enter only one quilt *per judged category*. Judged quilt entries must not have been judged in any other HSQG show.
5. You may enter multiple quilts for *Display* (not judged.) Entries will be accepted on a space-available basis.
6. The Show and Design Chairs reserve the right to limit the number of quilts per person if necessary.
7. A color photo must be submitted with your entry form; 3 x 5 to 4 x 6 only, cut to this size. Write your name, quilt name, width and length on the back of the photo. The Design Committee will assign hanging space using your photo.
8. An entry will be rejected if it is not clean and free of smoke odors and pet hair.
9. All quilts must have a 4-inch hanging sleeve sewn to the back of the quilt. Small quilts can use a 2 inch sleeve.
10. Quilts must have a label with quilter's name and quilt name, sewn on. If the quilt is being judged, the quilter's name must be covered with fabric secured by basting.
11. **All entries** must be brought to the **Ethel Berger Center, 2950 E. Tacoma**, on **February 25, 2026**, from 9:00 - 11:00 am. The Committee will be responsible for getting all quilts to Buena High School on Friday.
12. All entries must be picked up on **Sunday March 1**, from 3:45 – 4:30 pm with the receipt you are given at check-in.
13. The show chairs may re-categorize any entry to comply with the definitions.
14. All quilts purchased at the show will pay the Guild a 10% handling fee as per the bylaws.
15. Entry forms must be turned in to Maggie Allen at any meeting or mailed to the guild at HSQG PO Box 1326, Sierra Vista, AZ 85636-1326.
16. **Please don't submit an entry unless you are sure it will be ready for the show!**

CATEGORY DEFINITIONS:

Appliqued: A quilt that is more than 50% appliqued.

Pieced: A quilt that is more than 50% pieced.

Mixed Techniques: A quilt that contains more than one technique in **equal amounts**.

Hand Quilted: Quilts of all sizes and techniques that are hand quilted. (You may also enter hand quilted items in other categories.)

Non-traditional: A quilt created as a work of art, reflecting innovative construction techniques, subject matter and/or materials and using no commercial patterns.

Machine Embroidery: A quilt that is more than 50% machine embroidered, all sizes.

Modern: Any techniques may be used but quilts in this category must feature at least one of the following criteria: 1) a significant amount of negative space, 2) dense graphic quilting, 3) the majority of fabrics used should read as solid.

Group: A quilt made by three or more people.

Other: Techniques not listed such as yo-yo, cathedral window, whole cloth and apparel.

CATEGORY SIZES: **Small** – perimeter less than 168". **Medium** – perimeter 168"-279". **Large** – perimeter 280" or greater

2026 Awards:

Awarded by the judge:

- First, Second, Third and Honorable Mention ribbons as earned for each category
- Exemplary Hand Quilting, Exemplary Computer Assisted Machine Quilting, Exemplary Free Motion Machine Quilting
- Exemplary Piecing
- Best Modern Quilt, Best Use of Color, Best of Show, Judge's Choice

Awarded based on the quilt show attendee votes: Viewer's Choice Ribbons

Awarded by the Cochise County Sheriff's Assist Team: SAT Award

Awarded by the Quilt Show Chair: HSQG Heart Award

Awarded by Sierra Vista Mayor: Mayor's Award