

2024 Barn Quilt Competition

at the Florida State Fair



The Florida State Fair is looking for talented artists to create beautiful Barn Quilts to be displayed throughout the Fair. Barn Quilts have been part of the rural landscape for over 300 years. Now is your chance to help the Florida State Fairgrounds continue that tradition!

What is a Barn Quilt?

In the early 2000s, Donna Sue Groves painted a quilt square on her Ohio tobacco barn to honor her mother, who was a quilter herself. Her idea eventually took off and she turned it into a way for rural communities to promote folk art as well as rural tourism. The meaning of each barn quilt can be rooted in family tradition or a way to give a typical red barn a unique feature.

Why Compete?

- ✓ **Cash Prizes!** 2 FREE Fair ticket to all contestants chosen
- ✓ Designs will be chosen from initial design proposals
- ✓ **FREE to enter!** Easy online or mail in registration
- ✓ Have your Barn Quilt on display during the Fair. Winning designs will be made into large cubes to be set around the fairgrounds.
- ✓ **NO sewing needed!** Most Barn quilts are painted/stained and are not sewn. Mosaics either made of wood or tile can also be used to create Barn Quilts.



Samples of
Barn Quilts



Who Can Enter?

- ✓ All Florida residents, ages 18 and older
- ✓ Open to professional, semi-professional, amateur artists and groups
- ✓ 10 participants will be chosen to create a final Barn Quilts

Contest Timeline

NOV 16, 2023 (Friday)	Entry form & designs are due either online or mailed in
NOV 20, 2023 (Monday)	Notification of acceptance
JAN 13, 2024 (Saturday 10A-6P)	Final date to deliver Barn Quilt paintings (can deliver prior)
JAN 16, 2024 (Tuesday)	Awards announced via email and Facebook
FEB 8 – 19, 2024	All artwork will be displayed until the end of the Fair.

Awards

Spirit of the Fair	\$300	<i>(The painting that most exemplifies the traditions and spirit of the Florida State Fair.)</i>
1st Place	\$200	
2nd Place	\$150	
3rd place	\$100	

Questions? Contact Brenda Gregory
at 813-734-2810 **OR**
email at brenda.gregory@floridastatefair.com

Entry Rules

General Rules



1. All participants must submit a color version of their Barn Quilt design. All designs are in a square format. Each design should not exceed 8 x 8 inches in size. **Note: The actual Barn Quilt will be 42" x 42" inches.**
2. This can be designed on a computer or hand drawn on paper. All entries designed on the computer must be printed out on paper or uploaded when entering an application online. You can also supply paint chips to indicate exact colors if needed.
3. You are limited to up to 3 designs per participating individual or group. The patterns design is up to you but should reflect the quilting traditions and appearance.
4. **Barn Quilt styles:**
See samples: [Click Here](#)
 - ✓ **Geometric Quilt Patterns:** Typical of those found in sewn quilts
 - ✓ **Freeform Quilt Patterns:** Designs that utilize geometric shapes that don't necessarily radiate out from the center of the square.
 - ✓ **Mosaic Style Quilt Patterns:** Made from individual pieces of wood or tiles. Wood can be stained or painted.
5. Submit your designs on or before **Friday, NOV 16, 2023. You can enter online or by mail.**
6. 10 designs will be chosen to move forward to create an actual Barn Quilt.
7. Notification if your design is accepted or not will occur by **Monday, NOV 20, 2023.**



8. If artwork is selected the Fair will be provided with 3 ½' x 3 ½' feet OR 42" x 42" inches (3/4" thick) primed plywood to create your final Barn Quilt. If you are unable to pick up the plywood from the Fairgrounds you will be reimbursed for the cost of the plywood provided you have a receipt. We do not cover the cost of paint or any other supplies. **Note: If your plywood is not 3/4" thick it will not be judged.**

Online Entry Forms (Complete Form & upload images) [Click Here](#)

Mailing Entry Forms

Entry Forms must be postmarked by Friday, NOV 16, 2023.

Failure to complete any portion of entry form may result in disqualification.

Mail Entry Form to:

Creative Living Competitions – Barn Quilt Competition
Florida State Fair
P.O. Box 11766
Tampa, FL 33680

Entry Form & Design(s) must be included.

Frequently Asked Questions

Do I have to be a professional artist to participate?

No, all levels and experience are welcome!

How old do you need to be to participate?

At least 18 years of age or older.

Will I get my Barn Quilt back after the Fair is over?

No...the Barn Quilts are the property of the Fair. The Fair owns the Barn Quilts after they are submitted.



The entire Simon family creates their Barn Quilt

Barn Quilt Competition Entry Form

Office Use

Date Received

Entry Forms must be postmarked by Friday, November 16, 2023.

Please print legibly

Group project OR Individual project

Name of Individual/ Group Contact (First, Last)

Mailing Address

City

State

Zip Code

Cell Phone while at the Fair ()

Email

Name(s) of Other Group Members

Agreement

I hereby certify that I have read the Florida State Fair Rules for the Barn Quilt Competition ... at the Florida State Fair. I also agree that the Florida State Fair may use my name, likeness, or photographs (including, but not limited to the photographs and video images of my final painting submission), for use in marketing materials, free of charge and without further notice or consultation.

I understand that the 2024 Creative Living Competitions & Exhibits are held in conjunction with the 2024 Florida State Fair and agree that the Florida State Fair is not liable or responsible for any delay, change of dates or cancellation of the 2024 Florida State Fair due the following unforeseeable circumstances: (a) acts of God; (b) flood, fire, earthquake; or (c) other potential disaster(s) or catastrophe(s), such as epidemics, pandemics, or explosion.

Signature of Contestant

Date

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