

Quilting Competition Handbook

Adult

IMPORTANT DATES

Online or Paper Entry Form deadline	Friday, December 6, 2024
Late Entry Form Period	Friday, Dec. 7 – 13, 2024
Deliver items to the Florida Center — located at the Florida State Fair. (see page 4)	Friday, January 3 thru Saturday, January 4, 2025 FRI hrs.: 10 a.m.- 6 p.m. SAT hrs.: 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Shipping Information – (see page 4)	<i>Special dates for Quilt Delivery</i>
Items exhibited	February 6 th – 17 th , 2025
Entry pickup	Wednesday, February 19th thru Saturday February 22nd, 2025 WED - FRI hrs.: 11 a.m. – 6 p.m. SAT hrs.: 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

For more information, contact
The Creative Living Department



Phone: 813-734-2810

Email: CreativeLiving@floridastatefair.com



The 2024 Quilting – Machine Quilted Best of Show was Mary Reichenbach.

Benefits of Competing?

The Florida State Fair is proud to showcase the bounty of talented people from around the state. Not only do we provide you the opportunity to win ribbons and prize money... it's also a great way to share your talent with a larger community. **In appreciation... all exhibitors receive a FREE ticket to attend the fair.**

Competition Overview

Entry Fee: Adult Divisions	\$5 per entry
Late fee	\$10 per entry

Entry Fees are non-refundable

All information regarding Creative Living Competitive Exhibits can be found at www.floridastatefair.com >> PARTICIPANTS (top of page) >> CREATIVE LIVING (drop down)

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The paper entry form is available on the last page.

To enter as a group or organization contact Creative Living office at 813-627-4309.

Eligibility

- The Quilting Adult Divisions are open to all Florida residents ages 18 and up.

Exhibitors are encouraged to read this handbook in its entirety.



The 2024 Quilting – Hand Quilted Best of Show was Katherine Vance.

Entry Rules

NUMBER OF ENTRIES & GUIDELINES

1. Because of the limitations for display space **only eight (8) items per person** will be accepted for judging, however, there is no limit to the number of pieces per class.
2. Exhibited work must be completed within the last five (5) years.
3. Work must be of the artist exhibiting, no teacher-assisted work.

PREPARING YOUR QUILT FOR ENTRY

Any Quilts larger than 40" in length must have Quilt Hanging Sleeves.

See instructions online at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LAzIS5sG4uc>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZjPqhTAH-9A>

Other Quilting Basics - Hanging a Quilt

See video instructions on YouTube –

Missouri Star Quilt Company

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7ZPRt0NU9Hg>

4. **Name of Quilter(s) must be covered (either by fabric slip stitched to quilt or fabric pinned securely to quilt.**
 5. Quilts must be clean, pressed, and free from spots and stains.
 6. A **Quilt Information Sheet** must accompany your quilt when you deliver the quilt to the Florida State Fair. The **Quilt Information Form** can be found on Page 6.
- ### GENERAL ENTRY RULES
7. Each adult exhibitor will receive one (1) daily admission ticket to the Fair.
 8. Entries previously exhibited in the Florida State Fair may not be submitted for competition.
 9. Entries must have been prepared/made/processed by the exhibitor in whose name they are entered.
 10. Entries completed by two or more individuals are permitted but will be counted as one exhibitor (the individual who completed the entry form).
 11. All entries will be displayed at the Fair whether they receive an award or not. In keeping with the Florida State Fair's family orientation, items of an offensive, controversial, or objectionable nature or subject matter will not be accepted.

Judging & Awards

The Fair ensures that the judges we employ are knowledgeable in the division in which they are judging and will be impartial. Judges reserve the right to reassign entries to a more appropriate division or class. Judging will be done using a scorecard to assist in keeping decisions as objective as possible. **The decision of the judge(s) is final.**

If, at the Judge's discretion, an entry does not merit a placing, the Judge shall give no award under any circumstance. This rule applies whether there is one or more exhibits in the Class.

Awards Information

Quilting – Adult Division

First Place – State Fair Ribbon **\$25**

Second Place – State Fair Ribbon **\$20**

Third Place – State Fair Ribbon **\$15**

Best of Show – State Fair Ribbon **\$50**

Best of Show Awards will be chosen from the first-place winners in each Quilting Adult Division. One for Hand quilted and one for Machine Quilted.

Directors Choice Award – State Fair Ribbon **\$35**

Honorable Mention Ribbons may be awarded, at the discretion of the judge(s).

Judging Criteria

Construction – 50%

Workmanship, Uniformity, Technique, Finishing

Presentation Quality – 10%

Suitability of fabric to pattern, Appropriate in quality, size, color, finish, and design

General Appearance – 15%

Design, Originality, Color Combinations, Texture Combinations, Cleanliness

Degree of Difficulty – 25%

For Youth Quilting Competitions
see the Youth Fiber Arts, Sewing &
Quilting Competition Handbook.

Quilts & Quilted Items – Divisions & Classes

Quilts must have Quilt Hanging Sleeves. Names and text must be covered. See Page 2.

A Quilt Information Sheet must accompany your quilt when you deliver the quilt to the Florida State Fair. The Quilt Information Form can be found on Page 6.

Definition

Size of Quilts – Finished Quilt

Small: a quilt less than 40" on any one side

Medium: a quilt that is 40"– 80" on any one side

Large: a quilt greater than 80" on any one side

Single Person is when your quilt is pieced, sewn, and quilted by one person.

Appliqued: a quilt that at least 50% of the quilt is appliqued

Duet Quilt: a quilt that is constructed by one person and quilted or longarmed by another person.

**** Measurements – Finished Quilt ****

Group Constructed Quilt: any quilt top constructed by more than one person (any size made in any technique)

Art Quilt is a type of quilt that uses embellishments of any kind to enhance the quilt; this could include felting, painting, stenciling, thread art, etc.; at least 50% of the quilt is quilted

Embroidered: uses hand or machine embroidery stitches to decorate pieces; at least 50% of the quilt is embroidered.

Quilted Household Items could include table runners, Christmas tree skirts placemats, pillows, etc.

Quilting: Hand Quilted – Adult Division 95.101

Class Description

Single Person Quilt

- 1 Single Person - Quilt, Pieced (Small)
- 2 Single Person - Quilt, Pieced (Medium)
- 3 Single Person - Quilt, Pieced (Large)
- 4 Single Person - Quilt, Appliqued (Small)
- 5 Single Person - Quilt, Appliqued (Medium)
- 6 Single Person - Quilt, Appliqued (Large)

Duet Quilts

- 7 Duet - Quilt, Pieced (Small)
- 8 Duet - Quilt, Pieced (Medium)
- 9 Duet - Quilt, Pieced (Large)
- 10 Duet - Quilt, Appliqued (Small)
- 11 Duet - Quilt, Appliqued (Medium)
- 12 Duet - Quilt, Appliqued (Large)

Other Quilts & Styles

- 13 Art Quilts (any size)
- 14 Quilt, Kit used (any size)
- 15 Novice Quilter – Less than 2 years' experience (any kind) (any size)
- 16 Original Design Quilt (any size)
- 17 Quilt, Embroidered (any size)
- 18 Quilt, Whole Cloth (any size)
- 19 T-shirt Quilt (any size)
- 20 Group Constructed Quilt (any style or size)
- 21 Quilt, Other Not Listed (Single or Duo)

Quilted Items

- 22 Quilted Wall Hanging, Unframed
- 23 Quilted Household Item
- 24 Quilted Picture
- 25 Quilted Garment & Accessory

Quilting: Machine Quilted – Adult Division 95.102

Class Description

Single Person Quilt

- 1 Single Person - Quilt, Pieced (Small)
- 2 Single Person - Quilt, Pieced (Medium)
- 3 Single Person - Quilt, Pieced (Large)
- 4 Single Person - Quilt, Appliqued (Small)
- 5 Single Person - Quilt, Appliqued (Medium)
- 6 Single Person - Quilt, Appliqued (Large)

Duet Quilts

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How to Enter Online

We encourage you to enter online, using ShoWorks. The Florida State Fair has implemented ShoWorks, an online entry program. ShoWorks is an industry-standard used by over 50 fairs nationally. This user-friendly program can be trusted to accurately enter you into our competitions and allows for efficient communication via e-mail. We are excited to have ShoWorks to better facilitate entering Florida State Fair competitions.

- **Take a moment to look through this Competition Handbook to see which division and class your entry is eligible to compete in.** Then, follow the easy steps listed below to enter the competition you have chosen.
- **To Enter Online using ShoWorks.** Go to www.floridastatefair.com and at the top of the home page select the **PARTICIPANTS** TAB and you will see in the dropdown list a link for **CREATIVE LIVING**. Select the [ENTER ONLINE](#) link on the left side of the page.
- **Everyone must register as a new exhibitor even if you have competed in the past.**
- **Note that sessions expire after 20 minutes of inactivity, so “save the cart” if you plan on leaving the computer for more than 20 minutes.**
- When registering, please verify that all information that you entered into ShoWorks is correct. Please pay special attention to capitalization, full names of cities/counties and use proper spelling (no abbreviations).
- If you [ENTER ONLINE](#) you will need to pay with a credit card at that time. You will not be able to delay payment as were able to do in the past.

Mailing Paper Entry Forms

- **Entry Forms must be postmarked by Friday, December 6th, 2024.**
Failure to complete any portion of the entry form may result in disqualification.

Late entries must be postmarked between December 7th-13th 2024 will incur an increased entry fee.

Mail Entry Form to:

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

Make checks payable to: Florida State Fair Authority

Delivery of Entries

- **All Quilt entries must be delivered to the Florida State Fair Authority on either:**
Friday, January 3, 2025, 10 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Saturday, January 4, 2025, 10 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- **Note: If you have other non-quilt entries, you can deliver them early with your Quilt.**

• Deliver entries to:

Florida State Fair Authority
Florida Center Bldg.

Enter off Orient Road thru the Service entrance on the west side of the fairgrounds.

Map with directions to the Florida Center available on the [Creative Living webpage](#).

- Entries arriving at the Fairgrounds after Delivery and Shipping Deadlines may be disqualified.

Shipping Information

- **Shipped entries must arrive no later than Tuesday, January 2, 2025.**
- Include a [Shipping Form](#), available at the bottom of the www.floridastatefair.com on the **Creative Living** webpage in [Maps, Forms & Schedule](#) link.
- **Shipped entries, with Shipping Form to:**
Florida State Fair Authority – Quilting
4800 US Hwy 301 North
Tampa, FL 33610.
- Entries are shipped back to exhibitors after the Fair in the same container. Use reusable shipping containers.
- Return shipping costs are the responsibility of the entrant.
- **Return shipping options:** Prepaid shipping label, UPS or FedEx account.

Retrieving Entries

- **Early Pickup is available on Tuesday, February 18th, 2025. Exhibitors must contact the office prior.**
- See the calendar for Pickup dates, times, and locations (page 1).
- Entries not picked up on designated dates can be arranged for a special pick-up appointment by emailing CreativeLiving@floridastatefair.com.
- All entries not claimed by April 1st of the same year will be recycled, disposed or donated through our program department.

General Rules

Disclaimer

Please be advised that competitive exhibits are entered at the exhibitor's risk. The Florida State Fair does not insure and is not responsible for any loss, damage, or theft of entries, even if the loss, damage, or theft occurs as the result of the handling of the exhibit by staff, volunteers, contractors and/or visitors. If the exhibitor desires insurance coverage, this coverage should be secured from a personal insurance agent prior to entry and the policy written to cover the period of exhibition and transportation. Reasonable care will be taken to prevent loss or damage to exhibits. Unauthorized persons are not permitted in the building after closing hours.

Division/Class Cancellation

The Florida State Fair management reserves the right to return entries and cancel any division or class in which, in its judgment, the entries are insufficient to secure adequate competition.

Entry Errors

Florida State Fair management is not responsible for finding errors in entries. Exhibitors are responsible for any and all errors which were submitted online or on entry and summary forms. No exhibitor shall be entitled to an award which has been disallowed as the result of his own error. The Florida State Fair management shall withhold the payment of awards for exhibits that are ineligible and may recover awards that have been paid for ineligible entries that are disclosed during post audits of Fair records. However, exhibitors with cause are entitled to question the validity of any disallowance. Such exhibitors should inform the Florida State Fair management immediately, in writing, giving their name, address, complete description of the entry and the reason for requesting reconsideration. Requests will not be considered later than ninety (90) days after receiving notice of disallowance.

Premium Payments

Premium Awards will be paid according to the Judging Criteria Record Sheets. **Premium checks will be void after 6 months from date on check. PLEASE CASH PREMIUM CHECKS IMMEDIATELY. After 6 months, all uncashed checks will be voided, and replacement checks will not be issued.**

Substitutions

Substitutions, if necessary, must be within the same department as the original entry. Substitutions must be completed by the last day of the entry delivery period. You cannot transfer your entry to another exhibitor.

Previously Entered Entry

Any entry that has been exhibited at a previous Florida State Fair is not eligible for entry in this year's Florida State Fair. This excludes Horticulture & Aquarium Beautiful entries.

Verification

Exhibitors wishing to verify that the Florida State Fair has received submitted entry forms and fees must include a self-addressed/stamped envelope when submitting entry forms. Online submissions will receive a confirmation code once entries are submitted.

Responsibility

The Florida State Fair shall not be responsible for exhibits remaining on the fairgrounds after designated release times. All still exhibits or display elements remaining on the Fairgrounds after the designated release time will be treated as abandoned property and will be disposed of on or before September 1st of the same year.

Removal of Entries

An exhibitor may not remove his or her entry from the Florida State Fair once it has been accepted. Entries must be on exhibit at the official opening of the Fair or at any other time specified in the Competition Handbook and shall not be removed from the Fairgrounds prior to the release date printed in the handbook, except (at the discretion of the Florida State Fair management) in cases of positive evidence of sickness, accident and/or death, or other circumstances that are in the best interests of the Fair.

Eligibility for Fair Employees

Florida State Fair Authority employees are eligible to compete in the Creative Living competitions except for those who directly work for the Creative Living Department.

Dishonored Checks

A penalty of \$25.00 per dishonored check must be paid if a check in payment of entry fees or other applicable fees is refused by the bank. Only cash, certified check or money orders are acceptable for penalty payment.

Design

The Florida State Fair assumes total design control over the presentation of all exhibits. Entries designed for hanging and not so equipped will be hung in a manner deemed appropriate by the Fair. No exhibit changes will be made once the entries have been displayed. Once an entry has been received by the Florida State Fair, no further handling of entry by exhibitor shall be permitted. Relocation and final placement shall be accomplished by Florida State Fair personnel. Entries requiring assembly/disassembly must include detailed instructions and sketches for assembly/disassembly. Instructions should indicate lifting points, unsecured parts and any other information required for such handling. Where necessary, bank pins will be utilized to attach exhibits for display.



2025 Florida State Fair Quilt Information Form

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM
AND BRING IT WITH EACH ENTRY.

OFFICE USE ONLY

Exhibitor # _____

Entry # _____

Division _____

Class _____

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Name of Exhibitor (First, Last)

Name of Longarmer (First, Last) Same as above

Group Constructed Quilt

*If this is a **Group Constructed Quilt**, please provide a list of other Quilter's names. You can use another sheet of paper if needed. We can only enter one exhibitor's name in our database. If you enter online, you can only enter one name. We can fix the label for display.*

Other Stitchers (First, Last)

Other Stitchers (First, Last)

Other Stitchers (First, Last)

Name of Block
or Pattern

Date Quilt was made:

Finished Quilt Measurements L _____ W _____

Additional Information:

*In the space below please provide any unusual techniques used or additional information that the judge(s) may find helpful when judging your quilt. **For example:** All the fabric was hand-dyed.*

Signature of exhibitor

Date

Quilting Competition Entry Form

OFFICE USE ONLY

Exhibitor # _____
 Late Entry YES NO _____
 Total Fee _____
 Paid YES NO _____
 Type Cash MO Check _____
 Check No. _____

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Late Entry Period: December 7th – 13th, 2024 (Double Entry Fees)

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

Please print legibly

Exhibitors Name (First, Last)			
Mailing Address			County
City	State	Zip Code	<input type="checkbox"/> Check if you are a new exhibitor
Phone ()		Email	

Entry Fee: Adult Division \$5 per entry | Late entry \$10 per entry

Exhibitors may enter up to eight (8) entries for judging, however, there is no limit to the number of pieces per class.

Late Entry
 YES NO

#	DIVISION #	CLASS #	Entered Item Description	FEE
1			<input type="checkbox"/> SINGLE <input type="checkbox"/> DUET <input type="checkbox"/> GROUP	
2			<input type="checkbox"/> SINGLE <input type="checkbox"/> DUET <input type="checkbox"/> GROUP	
3			<input type="checkbox"/> SINGLE <input type="checkbox"/> DUET <input type="checkbox"/> GROUP	
4			<input type="checkbox"/> SINGLE <input type="checkbox"/> DUET <input type="checkbox"/> GROUP	
5			<input type="checkbox"/> SINGLE <input type="checkbox"/> DUET <input type="checkbox"/> GROUP	
6			<input type="checkbox"/> SINGLE <input type="checkbox"/> DUET <input type="checkbox"/> GROUP	
7			<input type="checkbox"/> SINGLE <input type="checkbox"/> DUET <input type="checkbox"/> GROUP	
8			<input type="checkbox"/> SINGLE <input type="checkbox"/> DUET <input type="checkbox"/> GROUP	
Total Amount Due				\$

I hereby certify that I have read the Florida State Fair General Rules for the Competitive Exhibits Program (Page 5) and the above item(s) is/are entered for exhibition strictly in accordance with these rules, by which I agree to be governed. I also agree that the Florida State Fair may use my name, likeness, or photograph (including, but not limited to photographs of my entry), in any manner relating to my participation in the Competitive Exhibits Program, free of charge and without further notice or consultation.

I understand that the 2025 Creative Living Competitions & Exhibits are held in conjunction with the 2025 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 2025 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 exhibitor

Date

Mail Entry Form to:

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 Florida State Fair
 P.O. Box 11766
 Tampa, FL 33680

Make checks payable to: Florida State Fair Authority