

Entry Rules

1. Entry into the 2026 quilt show is only open to DOQ members. There is no entry fee, but each entry for the quilt show must be pre-registered.
2. A completed entry form, including a color photograph, is required for each item. When submitting online, please attach a picture showing the entire quilt front. **Entry forms and photos must be received by July 20, 2026. All entries must be delivered to St. Thomas More on Monday, September 21, 2026. This is the only official delivery time and location.**
3. Your piece may not have been shown in any previous DOQ quilt show, either judged or displayed. Each member is limited to 4 entries, but only **2 maximum** can be entered to be judged. For two-party and collaborative quilts, the entry is only counted for the person submitting the entry. Submitting your best, most recent work is encouraged.
4. **For judged entries you are limited to one judged entry per category.** *The judging chairs, registration chair and judge reserve the right to reassign category, combine or split categories, or to reject any quilt.* All ribbons may not be awarded.
5. For display-only entries you may enter as many quilts in the same category as you would like, but you must not exceed 4 total quilts per member.
6. You must prioritize your quilts in case total entries exceed the space available to hang quilts.
7. Each entry must be the sole work of the member except in the two-party and collaborative categories, where at least one DOQ member must have contributed to the work. Kits, pattern sources and significant input by a teacher must be credited on the entry form.
8. Entries must contain a filler (batting or fabric) sandwiched between two layers of fabric which are joined with quilting or tied with thread or yarn. Exceptions are art quilts, wearable art, cathedral windows, crazy quilts, or yo-yos.
9. Judged quilts cannot be framed or have a false back which obscures the quilting, except for art quilts.
10. Each entry must have a permanent fabric label sewn on the back of the quilt or written with permanent ink. The placement of the label is in the back right bottom corner when looking at the back of the quilt. The label should include your name and the name of the piece. If your entry is to be judged, you must cover the label with fabric attached with safety pins or your quilt will not be accepted for judging. Any special hanging equipment (like hangers for clothing) must be clearly labeled with the entrant's name, name of the piece, and any display instructions.
11. Entries must be clean, finished, and ready to hang. All entries larger than 24" by 24" must have a 4-inch sleeve firmly attached to the top, back side of the quilt. Quilts will not be accepted at turn-in without the hanging sleeve. Quilts smaller than 24" by 24" do not require a 4-inch sleeve, but a smaller sleeve, suitable for a 1-inch wooden slat will prevent the quilt from buckling when pinned to the drape for display.

12. For Youth Quilts, a DOQ member must register the quilt for the Show. Youth quilts do NOT require a hanging sleeve. Note, this does NOT count towards the maximum 4 quilts that a DOQ member can submit for the show.
13. Wearables will be put on a stand with a hanger. Home décor items must be ready to be displayed on a table or to be pinned to the drapes.
14. Insurance is the responsibility of the owner. It is recommended to have the quilt appraised beforehand.
15. All entries must remain in the show throughout the full show period.
16. No quilts can be mailed in.
17. At quilt turn-in, you will be given a receipt that is required for picking up any item. You must present the receipt to collect your entries. If you are picking up for someone else, you must have their receipt. Only members of the quilt show take-down committee will be allowed to handle entries following the show.
- 18. No quilts will be returned until all quilts have been taken down on *September 27, 2026*.**
- 19. DOQ will NOT ship any quilts after the Show closes – all quilts must be picked up at the end of the Show.**