

# 2027 Joy of Quilts Entry Information and Rules

Please read carefully

- Entrants must have dues paid prior to intake date, January 25, 2027.
- Entries in this show must have been completed after January 2025. Exception: quilts for exhibit or display only.
- All entries must consist of 3 layers – quilt top, batting, and backing. All layers shall be held together as a single unit by hand or machine quilting. Some exceptions may be made at the discretion of the Show Committee for traditionally distinct styles, such as dimensional work, cathedral window coverlets, crazy quilts, or yo-yo quilts.
- NO entry in a judged category will be accepted with a false back. Quilting must be visible from the front and back.
- QGGH members can enter an unlimited number of items, as long as no more than two (2) quilts are submitted in the same category. Non-members may enter three (3), as long as no more than two (2) are submitted in the same category. Entry fee for QGGH members is \$15 per item. For non-QGGH entries, the entry fee is \$40 per item. The entry deadline is November 28, 2026. Entry fees are non-refundable after January 1, 2027.
- The number of entries may, however, be limited due to space constraints. Confirmation of acceptance and check-in information will be sent to entrants by January 10, 2027. No more than two entries will be accepted in the same category.
- Any entry that is not accepted will have its entry fees refunded.
- Non-guild members may enter quilts in any category except for the #903 QGGH Gold and White Member Challenge.
- Quilts may only be entered into The Joy Quilts show once, even if changes have been made to the quilt.
- Online acceptance of entry forms will begin during the summer of 2026. Entry into Joy of Quilts will only be accepted through the online entry system. The deadline for the receipt of all entries, including auction quilts/judged or non-judged, is November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Quilts need not be completed at the time of registration. All entries will be submitted online and must include:
  - o Online Entry form with all fields completed
  - o Appropriate fees must accompany each entry

- o A clear photo of the entry in either JPG, PNG, or GIF file format. Size 540 pixels with maximum size 1920 pixels.
- Each entry may have only ONE listed entrant. Bees or groups of three or more individuals must designate one person as the entrant, with the names of the Bee or members of the group identified in the entry. The name on the “Entrant” line must match the release signature on the form. Entrant must either be the owner of the item entered or must have been involved in the making of the item.
  - o The only exception is Jubilee Challenge AKA “The Gold and White” Quilts. See entry instructions at the bottom of the rules.
- The Show Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any submitted entry, to divide or combine entries into more appropriate categories, and to withhold the awarding of all ribbons. All decisions made by the Committee are final.
- Ribbons and awards will be awarded at the judges' discretion, and their decisions are final.
- Entry must be show-ready, completely free of pet hair, loose threads, and it may not have any strong odors (e.g., smoke, perfume, mothballs). Since it will be stacked with other quilts, such things can easily transfer to another maker’s quilt. Threads should be trimmed, and the surface front and back should be rolled with tape/lint trapper. Delivering a quilt not deemed “show-ready” may be grounds for refusal. Quilts will be inspected at intake to ensure compliance with rules.
- The entrant will receive a receipt for the items checked in. Any stains, rips, and/or tears noted by the check-in committee will be recorded on receipt. Receipt MUST be presented to claim item(s) at the end of the show. No entry will be released without a receipt. All entries must remain on display for the entire show. If someone other than the Entrant picks up the entries after the show, that person must have the Entrant's receipt and/or written permission to retrieve them.
- All entries must have a sleeve at the top, and a label sewn located at the right-hand corner on the lower back of the quilt. The label should include the quilt name, maker’s name, and date completed. Quilts being judged must have this label covered by a piece of cloth, which must remain in place during judging.
- By entering a quilt, permission is granted to the Quilt Guild of Greater Houston (QGGH) for the right to photograph the entry for its files, publicity, and promotional purposes in all media types. This permission remains in effect and on file until revoked IN WRITING. All entrants understand that they are responsible for privately insuring entry (entries), if preferred. All those claiming through entry hereby release QGGH and its members from all

liability arising from the display and use of the described entry. Entrant understands that no responsibility for loss or damage to my entry (entries) will be assumed by QGGH, its officers, agents, or volunteers.

### **Quilts to be entered in the Joy of Quilts Auction**

All entrants, judged or non-judged, into the Joy of Quilts auction must be completed and ready for final photography by December 8, 2026.

### **Jubilee Challenge AKA "The Gold and White" Quilts**

Each entry may have only ONE listed entrant. Bees/groups of three or more individuals entering the Jubilee Challenge must designate one person as the entrant, with the names of the Bee or members of the group identified in the entry. The name on the "Entrant" line must match the release signature on the form. Entrant must either be the owner of the item entered or must have been involved in the making of the item.



**"Joy of Quilts: Golden Jubilee Challenge – Stitching 50 Years Together**

### **Who Can Enter?**

**All QGGH Bees**

**Member teams of 3 or more**

### **🕒 Category 1: Bee Creative Quilt**

**Theme: Threads that Bind – 50 Years of Quilting**

**Enter one or more quilts for the auction. The Bee or group whose quilt generates the highest revenue wins!**

**🏆 1st Place: \$500 Quilt Store or Retreat Credit equal to the prize value.**

**🏆 2nd Place: \$250 Quilt Store or Retreat Credit equal to the prize value.**

### **🕒 Category 2: Viewer's Choice Auction Quilt**

**Submit a quilt for the auction.**

**The quilt with the most public votes earns a special award!**

**🏆 Prize: \$200 Quilt Store or Retreat Credit equal to the prize value.**

**🕒 Category 3: 50th Anniversary Challenge**

**Enter a quilt in the 50th Anniversary Challenge at the show.**

**Judges will select the quilt that most creatively reflects our Golden Jubilee.**

**🏆 Prize: \$250 Quilt Store or Retreat Credit equal to the prize value.**