

Black Canyon Quilt Show General Rules 2026

Deadline for quilt entries is June 1, 2026

- Submit entry forms to: Black Canyon Quilt Show, Inc.; PO Box 2053; Montrose, CO 81402 or at your guild meeting before June 1st. PLEASE FILL OUT THE ENTRY FORM COMPLETELY!!
- Attach a photo of your quilt to the **back left hand side** of the entry form. (The quilt does not have to be complete in the picture.) Photos are used to help with pleasing arrangement of quilts at the show.
- Only two quilts may be entered in the same category. Quilts displayed in previous BCQS shows will not be accepted. Framed entries cannot be accepted.
- Quilts with soil, odors, or pet hair will NOT be judged or hung.
- Quilts must be delivered to the show in individually labeled pillowcases.
- All quilts must have a 4" x width of quilt, owner-provided and attached hanging sleeve. Sleeves should be placed at the top of the quilt. **A quilt submitted without a sleeve will not be judged or hung!**

Prepare your quilt:

- Print the name of the entrant on a 3" square of muslin and safety pin it to the lower left corner **when looking at the back of the quilt** if the entrant's name is not already on an attached label.
- **BOLDLY** print your entry number on a **3" muslin square**, along with the type of quilting (professional movable machine, non-professional movable machine, non-movable machine, computer-aided or hand). This information should match the information from your entry form. **With a single safety pin, attach to the lower left-hand corner when looking at the FRONT of the quilt.**

Example

305 Professional Movable

Prepare Your Pillowcase: On a 3" x 5" piece of muslin,

- **BOLDLY** print your entry number and name. **With a safety pin at each corner**, attach the label to the top of the pillowcase that carries your entry. A show volunteer will assign your entry number(s) by email or phone after June 1.
- Liability Insurance is the sole responsibility of each quilt owner. Black Canyon Quilt Show, Inc. does not assume liability for loss or damage of any nature to your quilt. Black Canyon Quilt Show will handle your quilt with the utmost care.
- The show committee reserves the right to refuse quilts deemed inappropriate for the show.
- The Show committee reserves the right to move your quilt to a more appropriate category.
- Deliver show entries to the Montrose Pavilion **between 8:00AM and 9:00AM on Wednesday, July 8th**.
- Entries will be released from the show only between 4:30PM and 5:30PM on Sunday, July 12th. The signature of the person picking up the quilt during checkout is required.

Categories

- Pieced***: Quilts made from pieces of fabric sewn together by hand or machine.
- Mixed Technique***: Quilts that combine appliqué and piecing. Whole cloth, yo-yos or fully embroidered quilts fit in this category.
- Appliqué**: Quilts with pieces of fabric which are hand or machine sewn or fused onto a background fabric to form a design. At least 75% of the surface is appliqué.
- Art Quilt**: Layered fibers of an original design incorporating experimentation with textile manipulation, color, texture, and/or a diversity of mixed media. One person must complete all the work.
- Modern**: Emphasis on originality of design, identified by bold color, improvisational piecing, negative space, asymmetrical and/or alternate grid work.
- Panel Quilts**: Purchased panels incorporated into a quilt.
- Youth Quilts**: 18 years of age and younger. Entry fee waived.
- Challenge**: "My Colorado": Interpretation of the category is up to the entrant. Perimeter not more than 120". One person must complete all the work. Only one challenge entry per person.

*Judging Committee will determine divisions in each quilt category. Size ranges based approximately: Small, up to 120"; Medium, 121" to 260"; Large, 261" to 480" perimeters.

Awards

- For each category there may be 3 ribbons awarded by the judges: **1st, 2nd and 3rd** place.
- From the 1st place ribbon winners, the judges will select a **Best of Show** quilt.
- Special ribbons may be awarded for:
- Best Movable Machine Quilting, Non-Professional**
 - Best Movable Machine Quilting—Professional**
- "Professional" means the quilt was quilted by a person who quilts for any means of gain.*
- Best "Non-Movable Machine" Quilting**
 - Best Computer Aided Quilting**
 - Best Hand Quilting**
- "Movable machine" means the machine moves and the fabric is stationary, as in a long arm. "Non-movable" means the fabric moves and the machine is stationary as in a domestic machine.*
- In addition, dignitaries may select a favorite quilt for:
- Judge's Choice**
 - Mayor's Choice**
 - Montrose Center for Arts Choice**
 - President's Choice**
 - Viewer's Choice** (chosen during the show)
- One quilt may receive the **NACQA Award of Excellence**.
- Group Quilts**: Made by 3 or more persons will not be judged