

## **BRAZOS COUNTY 4-H QUILT SHOW**

*ENTRIES RECEIVED BY THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2024 4:00 PM*

*JUDGING INTERVIEW TIMES: THURSDAY FEBRUARY 15, 2024 – 4:00-6:00 PM*

*(BY APPOINTMENT) .*

*LOCATION: BRAZOS COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE 4153 County Park Court Bryan  
Texas 77802)*

*Entries displayed at Brazos County 4-H Fashion Show*

*\$10 entry fee*

### **GUIDELINES**

The Brazos County 4-H is proud to present the Brazos County Quilt Show. This quilt competition will be held at the Brazos County 4-H Fashion Show on February 15, 2024. Judges will interview quilters and evaluate all entries. Ribbons will be awarded in all age divisions for first, second and third place. Rosettes will be awarded for Best of Show Quilts, Best of Show Overall. Please review the Entry Form for the various divisions and their definitions. Please read the entry rules carefully.

**ALL** entries **MUST** have been completed within the past two years.

**ALL** entries **MUST** be submitted in a protective covering with a photo attached.

**ALL** entries **MUST** be clean, free of pins, pet hair, and smoke.

**ALL** entries **MUST** be constructed of fabric and quilted.

**ALL** entries **MUST** be labeled on the back of the quilt.

**ALL** labels **MUST** be temporarily covered with fabric or freezer paper for judging.

**AWARD:** Rosettes and ribbons to all winners and certificates to  
all participants.

### **HOW TO ENTER CHECKLIST:**

- Complete an entry form. Please print clearly.
- Label each entry on the back and cover it temporarily for judging with basted fabric or freezer paper.
- Place each entry in a protective covering with your name, address and photo.
- **DROP OFF LOCATION** - Bring quilts to the Brazos County Extension Office.

### **INTERVIEW PRESENTATION OUTLINE (5 MINUTES):**

I. How long have you been making quilts? Would you describe your learning process?

II. At what age did you begin to learn to sew? When did you learn to quilt? How old were you when you made your first quilt? Why did you learn at this particular time? Were there any special difficulties?

III. How many quilts have you made in your life? Are there any special times when you made more quilts? When did you make your last quilt?

IV. Tell how you made this quilt starting from purchasing the materials and fabrics to finishing the quilt.

**JUDGES QUESTIONS**-three minutes

## **JUDGING CRITERIA**

### **Subjective Qualities:**

- Design
- Composition
- Color
- Balance
- Variety of Scale
- Fabric Selection
- Pattern Lines
- Movement
- Unifying and Underlying Structures
- Texture
- Visual Impact
- Emotional Impact

## **OBJECTIVE**

### **QUALITIES**

#### **Quilt Top:**

- The chosen construction technique is executed with skill.
- The seams lie flat, are free of bumps and bulk, and the piecing thread is not visible.
- The quilt is free of loose threads and knots.
- The quilt is clean and odor-free.
- There are no visible markings.
- Seam allowances do not “shadow” through light fabric.
- Design points and corners match and are visible (not chopped off).
- The blocks are square and the seams are lined up.
- Applique pieces are secure, stitches are small and invisible, curves are smooth, and the points are sharp.
- There are no holes or incomplete seams
- . – Embellishments are securely attached.
- Sashing and borders are straight and uniform in width.

#### **Quilting:**

- Batting is evenly distributed.
- Quilting density is balanced throughout the quilt to secure layers and prevent shifting of batting.
- The quilting sits accurately in its designated space.
- Curve lines are smooth.
- Straight lines are uniform.
- Stitches are uniform in length with correct tension on the top and bottom
- . – Starts and stops are not visible.
- Knots cannot be felt.
- The quilting and pieced themes support each other

#### **. Binding & Finishing:**

- Lies smoothly, with no puckers or ripples
- . – Even in width.
- Uniformly full of filler. –

Binding joins are smooth.

- Corners are mitered and sewn closed on both sides.
- Stitches securely hold the binding in place with minimal visibility
- . – The quilt is flat and the edges are deliberate in shape.

## **RETURN INSTRUCTIONS**

Sign your quilt out at the conclusion of the awards ceremony.