

Autumn Inspirations 2026 – Registration Instructions

Member

You must be a paid member of Q.U.I.L.T.S. for the Sept. 2025 - June 2026 guild year (cut off April 2026) **and** a paid member by July 15th for the Sept. 2026 – June 2027 year to enter a quilt in the show.

Value

This is the replacement or appraised value for insurance purposes, not sentimental value.

Description

A brief description of your quilt is required for display purposes. Include information that will interest the viewers: why or for whom did you make this quilt, what was your inspiration, was it a challenging technique? Use the back of the Registration form for additional comments. Make sure to check all applicable boxes in Technique, Category, Quilting and Design/Pattern Source. Q.U.I.L.T.S. reserves the right to edit your description and/or to move any quilt into a more appropriate category.

Technique

Choose all techniques used in the construction of your quilt. Mixed Media* - Quilt design is predominantly enhanced with embroidery, stamps, beading, photo transfer, woven metals, paint, crazy quilt, heavy embellishments, or thread painting.

Design/Pattern Source

Please provide the name, designer, and source of the pattern, whether it was from a kit, class or book and where you found it. If you did not piece the top, please include the name of the person who did.

Category

Bed or Lap – any quilt that will be used for that purpose.

Wall Hanging – a quilt of any size made primarily to hang on a wall or other vertical surface.

Miniature – quilt 24” by 24” or smaller where all aspects of the quilt are proportionally reduced in scale (for example, 1 foot = 1 inch).

Art – original, non-traditional, or contemporary quilt.

Made by child – quilt made by a child age 16 and under, of any size and for exhibit only (not judged). Please include the child’s name in the Description. The child must be related to or sponsored by the member whose name appears on the registration form.

Wearable Art – quilted clothing, tote bag, purse, etc., is for exhibit only (not judged).

Table-runner or Placemats – any quilted piece to be used on a table.

Guild Project – guild-sponsored mystery quilt, challenge quilt or workshop. Include the project year.

Other – any quilt project which does not fit into other categories. Briefly describe on line provided.

Quilting

Choose all quilting techniques used. Please indicate if the quilting was completed by you or by a professional quilter. If machine quilted, indicate the type of machine used (i.e. traditional or long arm). If tied by a group, please indicate in the description (i.e. tied by friendship group).

Photograph

You must include a photograph of each quilt being registered. If you indicated there is an interesting design on the back side of the quilt that needs to be displayed, also include a photograph of the back. Note that photographs will NOT be returned. PAPER CLIP THE PHOTOGRAPH TO THE REGISTRATION FORM.

Judging

You may choose to have your quilt entry judged. There is a \$10 fee for each piece to be judged. All checks must be made payable to Q.U.I.L.T.S. Each piece is judged individually on its presentation, design, and workmanship.

How to prepare quilts for delivery to the show

All quilts must:

1. Have a 6" deep by length of quilt sleeve** attached to the back. If your piece is too small for a 6" hanging sleeve or requires an alternate method for display, please indicate in **Additional Information**. **Quilt sleeve construction is available at www.quiltschenectady.org.
2. Be clean and free of pet hair. Incomplete, soiled or torn items will not be judged or shown.
3. Have a muslin label slipstitched to the lower right side (as viewed from the back of the quilt) with the following information: owner's name, address, phone number and the quilt registration number received on your returned claim check. **If the quilt is to be judged**, please cover this information with an additional piece of muslin showing **ONLY** the quilt registration number. Please cover any identifiable markings on the front of the quilt (i.e., photos, names, etc.). NOTE: Items such as wearable art, fabric bowls, framed or other piece which cannot be hung like a traditional quilt still need to be labeled with the above information.
4. Be folded so that the label with the quilt registration number shows on the outside.
5. Be dropped off during the guild meeting at Proctors Theatre, Wednesday, September 30th. No quilts will be accepted after this date. NO EXCEPTIONS.

Pickup time is at 5:00 PM on Sunday, October 4th at Proctors. Please be patient as things will be very busy and we want to be extremely careful with the quilts.

To retrieve your quilt after the show. Present your claim check and sign for each item. **DO NOT LOSE YOUR CLAIM CHECK(S)**. If someone else is to pick up your quilt(s), make sure they have the claim check(s). NOTE: We cannot release an item without the claim check.

In the rare instance that we have more quilts than we can handle, we may have to limit your number of entries.

Check list before mailing registration form

- Have you filled out a separate registration form for **EACH** item to be entered?
- Have you provided all the requested information?
- Have you paper-clipped a photograph(s) of your quilt to the registration form (photos will not be returned)?
- Have you enclosed a self-addressed stamped envelope? **NOTE:** Items will not be registered without it!
- Have you enclosed a check for the judging fees? All checks must be made payable to **Q.U.I.L.T.S.**
- Have you labeled all of your quilts with the proper registration information from Step #3 above?
- Have you attached a hanging sleeve to your quilt?
- Have you made a photocopy of each registration form for your records?

Registration forms, photos, and payment for each entry must be received by Wednesday, July 15, 2026 (no exceptions!). Please include a stamped self-addressed envelope. Make checks to payable to Q.U.I.L.T.S.

Send all entries to: Deborah West, 1154 Waverly Place, Schenectady, NY 12308

NOTE: If for some reason you are not able to submit a piece which you had registered, please contact Deborah West (dkwest@nycap.rr.com or 518-421-7289) as soon as possible.