

Pieces and Strings
24th Annual Quilt Contest & Show
Kick Off – Friday, March 30, 2012
(Award Ceremony at 11:00 AM March 30th)

INFORMATION SHEET AND ACCEPTANCE INSTRUCTIONS

PRIZES:

Cash prizes will be awarded to first and second place winners in various quilting categories, at the discretion of the judges. There will be only one prize per quilt. Prizes will be awarded to the person entering the quilt.

NOTE: If there is only one entry into a certain category, that one entry will not be judged. The quilter will be notified that the quilt will only be a part of the show and not the competition.

Prizes will be offered for quilts in ten categories—both hand and machine quilted. Additional specialty prizes include:

- \$500 Best of Show
- \$400 for first place in Traditional Patterns
- \$400 for the best Traditional String

In addition to these special prizes we offer first place prizes.

CATEGORIES:

- Improvisation—creative improvisation
- String, Strip, Scrap—creative use of bits & pieces
- Traditional Patterns—tight geometrical symmetry featuring close stitches
- Crib, Wall, Table, & Small Pieces
- Narrative Quilts
- Appliqué
- Collaborations with children
- Heirloom Quilt Collaborations—top made by a previous generation and quilted in the last three years.
- Machine Quilted Quilts
- Art Quilts (**new category**)

***Prizes and categories are subject to change/adjustment.**

JUDGES:

- Dr. J. Janice Coleman, Quilter and Instructor, Alcorn State University
- Two judges participation pending (TBA)

ELIGIBILITY:

Quilts must have been completed between 2008 and 2012. In the Heirloom Quilt Collaborations category, tops must have been pieced before 1980 and quilted between 2008 and 2012. Quilts must be constructed and made by the person(s) named on the registration form.

All quilts must be pieced or appliquéd by hand or machine and quilted by hand. Machine quilted pieces will be judged in a separate category.

PREPARATION: Quilts entered in previous years' shows will not be eligible this year. A cloth label must be sewn to the back lower right of the quilt to identify quilt and maker. Heirloom quilts need identifying label also. All contest quilts must have a 4-inch sleeve sewn across the back at the top for hanging. Place quilt in a pillowcase or large plastic bag (only one per bag). Each bag should be clearly labeled with entrant's name, address, and phone number.

DELIVERY: All items for the Quilt Contest and Show should be delivered on or before Monday, March 19, 2012, by 4 p.m. Bring or ship (UPS) quilts to:

**Mississippi Cultural Crossroads
507 Market Street
Port Gibson, MS 39150
601-437-8905**

**If you are shipping your quilt, make sure you ask the shipper
to secure a signature upon delivery.**

PICK-UP: Quilts submitted must be left for the duration of the MCC show (**through Friday, April 20, 2012**). If your quilt did not win a prize, please make plans to pick up your quilt or call us to have it shipped to you. You will be responsible for shipping costs. All winning quilts must remain in our possession as they will go on to hang on exhibit at the Mississippi Museum of Art in Jackson until the end of August.

SALES: If your entry is for sale, we will mark it "FOR SALE" at the price you put on your registration form **plus a 30% markup to cover the expenses of Mississippi Cultural Crossroads**. Please understand that we do not guarantee that your quilt will be sold. You must leave your judged entry hanging for the duration of the show. You may bring additional quilts to sell as well. An additional agreement will be signed if you'd like us to hang your quilt on consignment.

CARE OF QUILTS: We will handle all of the quilts entrusted to us with the utmost care. The building will be locked when we are not present. All quilts are insured while they are with us.

FEES: The fee is \$10.00 for each quilt entered. A separate registration form must be sent for each item. Make check or money order payable to Mississippi Cultural Crossroads. Please fill forms out completely.

REGISTRATION: Registration forms, with check or money order, are due no later than March 19, 2012. Send to:

**Mississippi Cultural Crossroads
P. O. Box 816
Port Gibson, MS 39150**

Have questions? Need help filling out registration form? Call us at 437-8905.

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REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (days) _____ Evenings & Weekends _____

Email address _____

Quilt Name or Pattern _____

Top Made by _____ Quilted by _____

Size in inches _____ by _____ Category (see information sheet) _____

Year Quilt was made _____

Describe the quilt (colors, pattern, technique(s) used in making) and any other information about the quilt.

Approximate value _____ Is it for sale? _____ Price _____

Is label attached to back? _____ Is a 4" sleeve sewn on back across the top? _____

Year you started quilting _____.

Describe yourself. When did you learn to quilt? Who taught you?

Have you enclosed check or money order? _____

I wish to enter the above item and agree to abide by all conditions pertaining to exhibiting. I understand the committee reserves the right to change the category in which the quilt is entered. I understand that every precaution will be taken to protect my quilt entered in this show but that **Mississippi Cultural Crossroads (MCC)** cannot be responsible for acts of nature beyond its control. I give permission for my quilt to be photographed and used for promotional purposes. I realize all quilts will hang through April 20, 2012 at MCC; and if I have a winning quilt it will not be returned to me until the end of August 2012 - after it has hung in the Mississippi Museum of Art Exhibit.

Signature of Exhibitor

See Information Sheet and Acceptance Instructions for complete information on submitting your quilt or quilts.

Mail completed registration form (one for each item entered) with check or money order to:

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This form may be photocopied for additional entries. Each entry needs a Registration Form.

Registration is \$10.00 per quilt.

Deadline for registration is no later than March 19, 2012 at 4 PM. We encourage you to submit your registration forms as early as possible, to help us organize the information for our exhibit guide.

For the fourteenth year, the Mississippi Museum of Art has agreed to hang our winning quilts. They will again hang in the new museum space. They will hang May through August. We will deliver the quilts to the museum.

PLEASE FILL OUT THE FORM COMPLETELY. THE INFORMATION IS VERY IMPORTANT. IT WILL BE USED TO PUT TOGETHER OUR EXHIBIT GUIDE.