



2019 Northern Shenandoah Valley Quilt Show

FAQs

"All Creatures Great & Small" April 12, 13, 14, 2019



Q: Why should I go to a quilt show? I don't want to buy one.

A: A quilt show is like an art show, rather than using acrylics, clay or oils, quilters use fabric and some really awesome tools. In a quilt show you will see bed-sized quilts, miniature quilts...quilts of all sizes! You will also see art quilts, these are quilts that can look as realistic as a photograph or be a figment of imagination or something that has inspired the quilter. However, all items in the show have the same thing in common. They will prompt you to lean in to take a closer look and hopefully you will realize that quilting is an amazing art.

Q: Why should I register online and what do I need?

A: Registering online is so much easier and faster! No printing and mailing, your works of art are immediately registered, no worries! Please be aware that the online registration may not be supported by all smart phones and devices, you may need to use a regular computer to register.

You will need:

1. A full-view photo of your quilt showing it in its full glory, side to side and top to bottom. (See below for more information on the photo requirements!) This will be emailed to the Registrar.
2. Size of your completed quilt in width and length
3. If the quilt is not your original design, then we require the pattern name or designer.

Q: Do I need a label on the back of my quilt and what information does it need to have?

A: Yes! Each and every quilt/item must have your name, phone number, and name of the quilt/ item on the back, lower-left corner. If your permanent label is elsewhere on your quilt, please attach a temporary label to the back, lower-left corner. In the case of wearable art, please include a blouse or skirt (also with your name attached) to hang under your entry for display.

Q: How do I attach a temporary hanging sleeve to my quilt?

A: We have comprehensive directions [here](#) on how to attach a hanging sleeve without damaging your quilt.

Q: Why do I need to submit a picture?

A: It may not seem like it, but a picture is a very important part of your registration. The show curator will use these photographs to decide how to hang all of the quilts in the most eye-catching and complimentary way possible. If we are not able to see the entire quilt, you will be emailed requesting a

photo re-take. Photos need to be emailed to our [Curator](#), one picture per email with the quilt name and your name included.

Please read the following guidelines carefully!

1. The picture must be taken of your completed quilt. We must be able to see the *entire quilt* from top to bottom and side to side! Yes, we want to see all four corners! Therefore, do not send us a picture of a stack of fabric with the pattern, quilts laying on a bed or the floor, draped over a chair, etc. Grab a few friends or neighbors and have them hold it up for you, if necessary. Just remember: we must see the entire quilt hanging flat!
2. Please make sure that the photo is clear! Prop your hands on something to help keep your camera steady.
3. Make sure you are standing directly in front of the quilt so that you can see all four edges of the quilt in your viewfinder and that no part of the quilt is covered by a shrub, furniture, or adorable pet.
4. Make sure that it is well-lit so that we can see the colors and design clearly.
5. One photo per item entered!

Q: I'm having trouble uploading my picture for my online registration, what do I do?

A: Make sure your photo is saved as a .jpeg and that it is under 10MB. Depending on your network, it may take a several minutes to complete the upload so give it a few minutes to do its thing. If you are completely stuck, then email our [Registrar](#).

Q: Why are the categories different for the 2019 quilt show?

A: The elimination of specific categories based on use of quilt greatly simplifies the job our Curators do. Our volunteer curators spend many hours in the weeks leading up to the show laying out your quilts to hang them in such a way that they truly complement each other. The Curators will do their best to ensure that one quilt does not overshadow the quilt hanging next to it. This is why we have simplified the categories and why the photos are so vital!

The new simplified categories:

Show Challenge - any quilted item, regardless of size, that is based on the current year's theme. They will be displayed together.

Guild Challenge - this category is for our Supporting Guilds who present their members with a specific challenge. Each Guild will be displayed as a group.

General Entries - this is everything else that does not fit into the two categories above. Big bed sized quilts, miniature quilts, modern, wall hangings, lap, wearable art, baby quilts... if it's quilted we want them!

Q: How will voting work since there are no longer categories?

A: Viewers will be asked to choose:

1. One favorite quilt from the Show Challenge
2. One favorite quilt from each Guild's Challenge

3. Top 5 favorite quilts from all other entries. The quilt earning the most votes in this category will receive the Best in Show ribbon.

Q: What if I want to sell my quilt, can I do it at the quilt show?

A: Yes! On your registration you can indicate if you would like to sell your quilt. It will be stated on the label if a quilt is for sale. *Price will not be included on the label.* Anyone interested in purchasing your item will fill out a form with their contact information. Those forms will be included with your quilts when you pick them up Sunday. That is the extent of the involvement that the NSVQS will have in the transaction. Only items submitted and accepted into the Quilt Show may be sold through show exposure unless you are a vendor.