

CONTEST PRIZES

Best of Show **\$1,500**

These prizes will be awarded in each category:

1st Place **\$500**

2nd Place **\$300**

3rd Place **\$200**

ENTRY CATEGORIES

1. Hand Quilted Bed Size–Pieced
2. Hand Quilted Bed Size–Appliquéd, Mixed or Other Type
3. Machine Quilted Bed Size–Pieced
4. Machine Quilted Bed Size–Appliquéd, Mixed or Other
5. Wall Quilts, Hand Quilted–Any Type
6. Wall Quilts, Machine Quilted–Pieced
7. Wall Quilts, Machine Quilted–Appliquéd
8. Wall Quilts, Machine Quilted–Pictorial
9. Wall Quilts, Machine Embroidered & Thread Painted
10. Wall Quilts, Machine Quilted–Mixed or Other Type

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CONTEST RULES

- ◆ Competition open to ALL quilt makers.
- ◆ All quilts will be juried; then judged by Nationally Certified Quilt Judges.
- ◆ Quilts must have been made in the last **five** years and must not have been exhibited previous years at The Great Wisconsin Quilt Show.
- ◆ Each person/group may enter **one quilt per category**; maximum of **four** quilts/entries in separate categories total.
- ◆ All persons who stitched on the quilt, including the quilter, must be listed on entry form.

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CONTEST RULES cont'd.

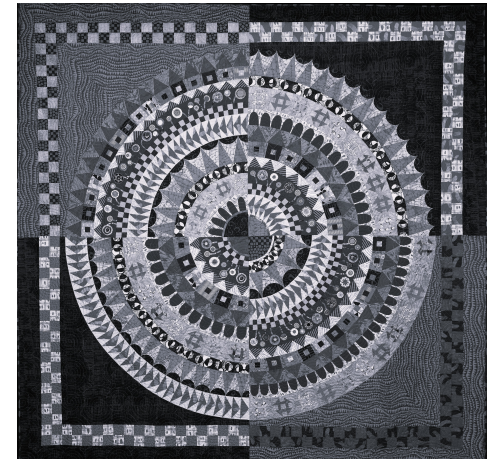
- ◆ All quilts must be quilted through 3 layers by hand or machine or both. Quilts in hard frames or mounted are not accepted.
- ◆ Quilts must have a 4" deep rod pocket located at 80" from bottom of quilt to the top of the pocket.
- ◆ Bed Quilts (categories 1-5) must be at least 60" to 100" wide and 80" or more in length.
- ◆ Wall Quilts (categories 6-10) must be at least 24" wide and 24" or more in length. Maximum size: 80" wide by 80" long.
- ◆ Quilts must be clean and in show condition.
- ◆ Quilts must be available from **Aug. 15 - Sept. 30, 2026**.
- ◆ Each entry must include two 4"x6" high-quality color photos printed on photo paper: One full view of the quilt hanging, showing all quilt edges and one close-up showing quilting/stitching details. Paperclip photos to entry form. Images will not be returned.
- ◆ Each entry requires a separate self-addressed stamped **#10** size envelope for notification from the jury. Please mark your calendar: Notification letters will be sent via U.S. Mail July 31.
- ◆ Each entry requires a separate entry form and non-refundable \$10 entry fee. Make checks payable to **The Great Wisconsin Quilt Show**. Cash **not** accepted.
- ◆ Entry form and photos must be postmarked by **June 30, 2026**.
- ◆ Quilts and/or persons who made them may be photographed and/or video recorded for promotional purposes.
- ◆ All decisions by the jury and judges are final. The jury reserves the right to reject or reclassify any entry.
- ◆ Quilts selected by the jury will be displayed at The Great Wisconsin Quilt Show Sept. 10-12, 2026.

Visit quiltshow.com to print additional entry forms, quilt challenge entry forms, and to learn more about the Kids' Quilt Contest for quilters age 15 and under.

The Great Wisconsin Quilt Show
is presented by PBS Wisconsin and
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2026 QUILT CONTEST



Quilt: "Stepping Stones #2: Strawberry Fields"
(detail) created and quilted by Jan Soules of
Elk Grove, California.

\$10,000 in Prizes

10-Category juried & judged quilt contest.

Open to all quilt makers,
amateur and professional.

September 10-12, 2026

Exhibition Hall at the
Alliant Energy Center
Madison, Wisconsin



THE GREAT WISCONSIN QUILT SHOW 2026
SEPTEMBER 10-12 | THURSDAY 9 A.M.-6 P.M./FRIDAY 9 A.M.-6 P.M./ SATURDAY 9 A.M.-5 P.M.
EXHIBITION HALL AT THE ALLIANT ENERGY CENTER | MADISON, WISCONSIN | QUILTSHOW.COM

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QUILT CONTEST ENTRY FORM 2026

Portions of this information may be used for promotional purposes. Please print or type. Photocopies and additional pages are acceptable. An online version of this form is available at quiltshow.com. Please retain a copy of this form for future reference.

ENTRANT INFORMATION

(print or type)

Name _____ Daytime phone number _____

Email address (email inquiries may be sent) _____

Address _____ Apt # _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Local newspaper (please include name and email address) _____

How long have you been quilting? _____ Who or what inspired you to begin quilting? _____

ENTRY CATEGORY SELECTION

(one quilt per category)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1. Hand Quilted Bed Size-Pieced | <input type="checkbox"/> 6. Wall Quilts, Machine Quilted-Pieced |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2. Hand Quilted Bed Size-Appliquéd, Mixed or Other Type | <input type="checkbox"/> 7. Wall Quilts, Machine Quilted-Appliquéd |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3. Machine Quilted Bed Size-Pieced | <input type="checkbox"/> 8. Wall Quilts, Machine Quilted-Pictorial |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4. Machine Quilted Bed Size-Appliquéd, Mixed or Other | <input type="checkbox"/> 9. Wall Quilts, Machine Embroidered & Thread Painted |
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QUILT INFORMATION

(print or type)

Quilt Title: _____

Size (in inches) : _____ " width x _____ " length Date Completed: _____

Top made by : _____ hand machine

Quilt quilted by : _____ hand machine

Indicate pattern, book, design source : _____ If original check box

Include the story of your quilt, and any unique techniques, materials or embellishments used.
 (Print or type 50 words or less. You may also email your quilt title and story to quiltshow@ziemanproductions.com)

SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

I have read, and understand and will abide by The Great Wisconsin Quilt Show Quilt Contest Rules (see rules).
 I give permission for my photo and/or that of my quilt to be used in future promotions.

Signature _____ Date _____

EACH QUILT ENTRY MUST INCLUDE:

- ◆ Complete entry form (**retain a photocopy for your records**)
- ◆ Entry fee of \$10
(check payable to The Great Wisconsin Quilt Show, no cash)
- ◆ Full view 4" x 6" color photo showing all quilt edges
- ◆ Close-up 4" x 6" color photo showing quilting/stitching details
- ◆ Self-addressed stamped **#10** size envelope, one per entry

MAIL COMPLETED ENTRY FORM AND MATERIALS POSTMARKED BY JUNE 30 TO:

The Great Wisconsin Quilt Show
 Quilt Contest
 Nancy Zieman Productions, LLC.
 PO Box 531
 Beaver Dam, WI 53916