

# Georgia Celebrates Quilts® 2026

## Rules of Entry & Additional Information

Presented by East Cobb Quilters' Guild, Inc. (ECQG)

Thursday through Saturday June 4-6, 2026

Cobb County Civic Center, 548 S. Marietta Pkwy, Marietta, GA

- This is a juried and judged quilt show and not all entries may be accepted into the show.
- Insurance for an entry is the responsibility of the entrant. ECQG makes every effort to monitor the safety of all entries.
- The number of quilt entries is limited to six (6) per entrant.
- By submitting your entry, you are giving permission for it to be photographed by viewers and ECQG. ECQG images of show entries may be used for ECQG marketing purposes.
- Entries that do not meet the following Rules of Entry will not be accepted.

### **Rules of Entry**

1. Entrant. Each entry must be either the work of (1) a resident of the state of Georgia or (2) an out-of-state current member of East Cobb Quilters' Guild, Inc. (ECQG) who was also a member the entire year preceding the show. The entrant must have produced the quilt top.
2. Entry Fee. A non-refundable \$15 entry fee is required for each quilt if the entrant is not an ECQG member. Non-members are welcome to join online at our website: <https://ecqg.com/join-us/>.
3. How to Complete the Entry Form. Please consider using our online entry form at [Quilt Entry](#). It works best with a computer, but a tablet or phone can also be used. If you enter online, you will get a confirmation email that your entry has been received.
  - Date of Completion. The entry must have been completed in 2024, 2025, or 2026 and not have been shown in a previous Georgia Celebrates Quilts® show.
  - Quilt Size. The maximum size for the edge with the sleeve is 120 inches.
  - Favorite? If you submit more than one quilt, you may indicate which **one** of the quilts you submitted is your favorite. The jurying team may consider that request as it strives to create a balanced and beautiful show.
  - Quilt for Sale. If you indicate that your quilt is for sale, ECQG will post the price on the quilt and handle the sales transaction, in exchange for a 25% commission from which ECQG will pay sales tax. You should price your quilt accordingly to account for the commission. If your sales proceeds (plus any other payments from the Guild) are \$600 or more, ECQG will issue you a 1099 income tax form.
  - Delivery Method. Indicate whether your entry will be dropped off at the Cobb County Civic Center, 548 South Marietta Parkway, Marietta, GA during the drop off time shown at the end of this document or shipped via UPS. Do not ship entries via the U.S. Postal Service.

- Predominant Color(s): Describe the main colors. Examples include: “neutrals”, “multi-color brights on black background”, “red and green”, “black, white, and lime green”, “brown tones”, etc.
- Original Design?: Enter “Yes” if your quilt was made from your own original design.
- Kit?: Enter “yes” if your quilt is made from a block-of-the-month program, Saturday sampler kit with fabric, or other pattern, when at least 80% of the fabric choices were provided or chosen as an exact reproduction. If so, this quilt must be entered with the category “Kit”. The quilt can include appliqué, piecing, and/or other techniques. This category is not eligible for the Best Use of Color award.
- Published Pattern?: Enter “Yes” if you used a published pattern. Please indicate the pattern name in your Quilt Statement.
- Photo/image?: Enter “Yes” if you used a photo or image of an artwork to create your quilt design. Also indicate if this photo was your original (picture could also have been taken by family member or friend) or if the photo/image is publicly available. If it is publicly available, select whether the quilt design was loosely or closely inspired by it.
- Techniques Used in Quilt Top: The information may be used to help us verify the correct category for the quilt.
- Techniques Used in Quilting: Stationary Machine Quilting (includes most domestic sewing machines) means that the quilter moves the fabric under the needle. Longarm quilting means that the machine moves over the fabric. Select the predominant quilting method.
- Categories. A quilt may fit into more than one category so read all the descriptions and place your quilt in the most appropriate category. The description of the categories can be found at [Quilt Show Categories](#). Final placement will be at the discretion of the appropriate ECQG Show committee and/or judges. The ECQG Quilt Show Committee and/or judges reserve the right to combine or divide categories as needed. Each quilt will compete in only one category.

4. Photos. Each entry must be accompanied by color photos. These photos are critical for both jurying and layout in the show. It is important that the colors be true and the quality clear. See <https://blog.missouriquiltco.com/photograph-your-quilt/> for some simple tips. One photograph should show the entire quilt, and one should be a close-up of a small section showing the quilting stitches. For online entries, submit both the overall and close-up photos when prompted during entry. For paper entries, please write your name and the title of the entry on the back of the pictures. Digital printouts are fine. Entries submitted without the required photos will not be accepted.
5. Quilting. All entries must contain three layers and must be quilted through all layers by hand and/or machine and have finished edges. Crazy quilts, yo-yo quilts, or cathedral window quilts may have two layers (see special techniques category). Art quilts may have unfinished edges.
6. False Backs. Quilts with false backs will not be accepted if the quilting cannot readily be seen and assessed by the judges. False backs are an additional layer of fabric added to the back of a quilt after quilting that hides quilting threads or those used to affix embellishments

7. Hanging Sleeve. A four-inch sleeve must be sewn to the top back of all quilts, unless the perimeter of the quilt is less than 140 inches, in which case it can have a smaller, appropriately sized sleeve. If the quilt is over 8 feet in length, attach the sleeve 8 feet above the bottom edge if you do not want the quilt to touch the ground. Quilts without a sleeve will not be judged or displayed. For more information about making the proper sleeve, review [American Quilter's Society - Hanging Sleeve Instructions](#)
8. Two-Sided Quilts. Quilts will be hung in the show to display one side only. All photos of the quilt entered must be of the side that is to be displayed in the show.
9. No Special Handling/Hanging. Entries that require special handling and/or hanging will not be accepted. For example, we cannot accept quilts with rigid frames, fragile components, or loose embellishments.
10. Special Shapes (octagonal, hexagonal, circular, multiple quilted pieces, etc.) Quilts that are not a square or rectangle must be temporarily attached to a solid white fabric to make them a square or rectangle. The sleeve must extend the full width of the piece including multiple quilted pieces and, if applicable, including the temporary white fabric. The white fabric must not hinder the judge's view of the back of the quilt. Square and rectangular quilts with wavy/scalloped edges or rounded corners do not require this treatment.
11. Condition of Entry. Please be sure your entry is fresh smelling and free of pet hair, lint, or loose threads that might impact other quilts with which it comes into contact.
12. Entry Packaging. Each quilt entry must be in a cloth bag or pillowcase measuring at least 18" x 20". It is preferred that the quilts be folded into the bag, however, quilts may be wrapped around foam swim noodles. Noodles must be marked with entrant's name and name of entry. Quilts wrapped on noodles must also be in a fabric bag large enough to enclose the tube and quilt completely: no added padding or packaging will be accepted with these entries. Entries without appropriate packaging will not be accepted at the time of quilt drop off, or upon delivery, if shipped.
13. Labels. The entrant's name, the name of the quilt, and a phone number must be clearly written (or securely attached) on all packaging (including the pillowcase or cloth bag). The quilt must also be labeled with the name of the entrant and title of the entry.
14. Acceptance and Confirmation Email. You will receive confirmation by email of **acceptance or non-acceptance** for **each** of your quilt entries along with drop-off/pick-up or shipping information. **If you do not receive an email by May 3, 2026**, please contact Carolyn Powers by email at [quiltentry@ecqg.com](mailto:quiltentry@ecqg.com) or by phone at 770-891-2564 no later than May 5, 2026.
15. Quilt Return. All quilts must remain on display until the end of the show. There are no exceptions. Quilt pick-up will begin on Saturday June 6, 2026, after the close of the show, but no earlier than 6pm. Shipped entries will be returned the week after the show.
16. Deadline. No telephone or email entries will be accepted.
  - Online entry forms must be submitted by March 27, 2026.
  - Paper entry forms with required enclosures (photographs and fees, if not an ECQG member) must be postmarked on or before March 17, 2026. The mailing address is: Carolyn Powers, 10575 Roxburgh Ln, Roswell, GA 30076.

- Paper entry forms with enclosures may be hand-delivered to ECQG meetings on March 26 and 27, 2026. Also hand delivery of the form and enclosures may be arranged to be completed by March 27 by contacting [quiltentry@ecqg.com](mailto:quiltentry@ecqg.com).

### **Timetable**

March 17	Mail-in entry forms postmark deadline
March 27	Online entry forms deadline
March 26 & 27	Hand delivery of entry form at Guild meetings or by special arrangement (see above).
May 3	Notification of acceptances and non-acceptances emailed to all entrants.
May 5	Contact us at <a href="mailto:quiltentry@ecqg.com">quiltentry@ecqg.com</a> if you haven't received email notification.
May 23	All shipped entries must be received by ECQG.
May 31	All hand-delivered entries must be dropped off at Cobb County Civic Center between noon and 2:00 p.m.
June 3	Preview Party and Awards Ceremony
June 4-6	Georgia Celebrates Quilts ® 2026 open to the public
June 6	All hand-delivered entries must be picked up after the show closes, but no earlier than 6:00 p.m.
June 13	Shipped entries will be mailed.

### **Prizes and Awards**

#### **Monetary Awards:**

All monetary awards will be made to the entrant in the following amounts:

Best of Show	\$1,000
Best Hand Quilted	\$400
Best Stationary Machine Quilted	\$400
Best Longarm Quilted	\$400
Best Use of Color	\$400
First Place in Category	\$150

IRS regulations require that ECQG issue a 1099 tax form to anyone who receives a payment of \$600 or more from us. This includes prize money and the sale of quilts on commission.

#### **Ribbons:**

Ribbons will be awarded to the quilts winning the monetary awards listed above. In addition, there are ribbons for Second Place and Third Place in each category, and for Honorable Mentions, Judges' Recognition, Viewers' Choice, and Quilters' Choice.

One ribbon will be awarded if the quilt is created by one person or a group. Two ribbons will be awarded if the quilt is created by two people, except that Best Use of Color, Honorable Mention and Judges' Recognition ribbons will be awarded only to the entrant.

At the judges' discretion, some ribbons and prizes may not be awarded.