

# Quilt Fest Durant 2026

## Rules and Information

*Show Date: July 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> 2026*

*Location: Donald W. Reynolds Library 1515 W Main St, Durant, OK 74701*

### **RULES:**

Entry of this quilt means that you acknowledge that Lulu and Hazel Quilt Shop and the Quilt Fest Officials will take every precaution to protect your show item, but you understand that we cannot be responsible for situations beyond our control. You also agree that any visitor, news media person, and/or entrant may photograph your quilt entry while on display. You also agree that the Lulu and Hazel Quilt Shop can use any photograph taken of your quilt at this show to promote future shows.

A quilt appraiser will be on site during the quilt show to appraise any and all entries that wish to be appraised. If you wish for your quilt to be appraised, please mark on your entry form that you wish for your quilt to be appraised and fill out the Quilt Appraiser's pre-appraisal form, which is included with your entry form. Please also include with your quilt entry form and pre-appraisal form, a check with the quilt appraisers fee, made out to Laura Syler. Once we have received your pre-appraisal form and appraisal fee, you will be contacted directly by the Quilt Appraiser to schedule a meeting.

Quilts must be free of dirt, stains, damage, fading and odors.

Quilts must be three layers and fully finished.

Quilts should only be entered if they will be shown throughout the entire show. No quilts will be allowed to leave early.

Quilts MUST have an attached label. The quilt label should include the name of the entrant and the name of the quilt. Labels are to be sewn in the lower left-hand corner, looking at the back of the quilt. Entries without labels will not be accepted. Quilt Fest WILL NOT attach a label for you. Any quilt entered into the show without an attached label will be disqualified.

We reserve the right to disqualify any quilts that are not quilt show ready.

Entries must never have been entered for judging in any previous Quilt Fest Durant Show. (This does not include quilts previously entered in the Holly Jolly Christmas Quilt Show. The Holly Jolly Christmas Quilt Show is a separate, NON JUDGED, quilt exhibition. If a quilt has been shown at the Holly Jolly Christmas Quilt Show BUT has never been entered for judging at a Quilt Fest Durant Quilt Show, the quilt is still eligible to be entered in the 2026 Quilt Fest Durant Quilt Show.

***IMPORTANT:*** Any quilt entered into the show without a 4" sleeve attached will be hung from drapery clips. Lulu and Hazel Quilt Shop is not liable for any damage possibly done to your quilt or entered item by said clips. If you do not want your quilt to be hung by drapery clips, it is your responsibility to attach a 4" finished sleeve 90" from the bottom of your quilt.

**Limit 2 entries per person.** Due to limited space, we reserve the right to only show one of your entries. Please indicate in the space to the top right of your form **ENTRY \_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_** how many entries you are submitting, and which of the entries is your first choice, in the event that we have can only choose one (1 of 2 being your first choice and 2 of 2 being your second choice. If you are only entering one quilt, your answer would be 1 of 1.)

## **PRIZES**

The following prizes will be awarded

- BEST OF SHOW (The winner of the Best of Show award will be awarded a Brand New Janome Sewing Machine)
- ROYCE PRENTICE AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN NEEDLE TURN APPLIQUE
- CECILLE KAMPLIAN AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN CREATIVITY
- JUDGES CHOICE
- VIEWERS CHOICE
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place in Each Category
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in Each Category
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place in Each Category

**PLEASE PAY CLOSE ATTENTION TO THE FOLLOWING KEY DATES:**

## **\*\*Entry Deadline\*\***

**ENTRY FORMS ARE DUE ON OR BEFORE MAY 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026**

THIS IS **NOT** THE DATE YOU DROP OFF YOUR QUILT, but your entry form MUST be completed and turned in **by** this date.

***YOU MUST INCLUDE A COLOR PHOTOGRAPH OF YOUR QUILT WITH ENTRY.*** You may either email a digital picture of your quilt or you can attach a printed picture to your form that you either mail in or drop off in person.

You have 3 options to turn in your form:

1. Drop completed entry form ***including picture*** off in person at the Lulu and Hazel Quilt Shop, 502 Bryan Drive Durant, OK 74701, any time on or before MAY 1 2026
2. Mail completed entry form ***including picture*** to the Lulu and Hazel Quilt Shop, 502 Bryan Drive, Durant OK 74701, on or before May 1, 2026.
3. Email a copy of completed entry form ***including picture*** to [entries@quiltfestdurant.com](mailto:entries@quiltfestdurant.com) on or before May 1, 2026.

## **\*\*NEW DROPOFF INFORMATION FOR 2026\*\* Please Read Carefully**

**QUILTS MUST BE DROPPED OFF JULY 7<sup>TH</sup> – JULY 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2026\*** Quilts MUST be dropped off either Tuesday July 7<sup>th</sup> between 5pm – 7pm or Wednesday July 8<sup>th</sup> from 9 am – noon. **Quilts MUST be Dropped off at the DONALD W REYNOLDS LIBRARY 1515 W MAIN STREET DURANT, OK.** Take note of this location and drop off times, as this is **significantly** different from previous years. If for any reason you find that you

can not meet the required drop off dates please contact the LULU AND HAZEL QUILT SHOP at 580-931-9112. Please note, if you can not meet these drop off deadlines and you require special accommodations you will be required to drop off **earlier** than the stated dates. There is not a drop off time available later than July 8<sup>th</sup> at noon. If your quilt is not available by 12 pm on July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026 it will not be able to be shown and your spot will be forfeited.

**QUILTS MUST BE PICKED UP July 13<sup>th</sup> – July 18<sup>th</sup> \*** Pick up quilts at the Lulu and Hazel Quilt Shop located at 502 Bryan Drive Durant, OK during regular business hours. (Regular hours are Tues-Fri 9am – 5 pm, Saturdays 10 am – 2 pm)

**Under no circumstances will a quilt be able to be picked up during the quilt show, or during tear down of the quilt show. This rule also applies to Quilt Fest Volunteers. Quilt Fest Volunteers must show up during regular quilt retrieval dates and times as listed above, the same as every Quilt Fest Entrant.**

*\*If you live outside of Bryan County, it is possible to make special arrangements to drop off and pick up your quilts. Please contact the Lulu and Hazel Quilt Shop at 580-931-9112 during business hours or email [entries@quiltfestdurant.com](mailto:entries@quiltfestdurant.com) to inquire.*

#### **CATEGORIES:**

Your entry form asks for the category you would wish your quilt to be entered in for judging. A description of the categories are listed below. Quilt Fest reserves the right to add or take away from categories if we deem necessary. Quilt Fest Officials will review the information on your entry form, including requested category, and ultimately place your quilt in the category we feel is appropriate for your entry.

The quilts in these categories can be completed by 1-2 people. Any quilt that was completed by more than 2 people should be placed in the **Group or Friendship Quilt** category.

#### **Theme Category: GOD BLESS AMERICA**

This is the first year Quilt Fest Durant will have a themed category. In honor of the Semiquincentennial of the United States of America, our themed category this year will be **“God Bless America!”** All quilts entered in this category must be of a patriotic nature. Any construction method will be accepted in the themed category, as long as the quilt meets the general rules for entry.

#### **TRADITIONAL PIECED**

Any quilt that is traditionally pieced as the overwhelming method of construction, with a traditional look or theme.

#### **APPLIQUE**

Any quilt that the primary technique used visually is applique. This includes any method of applique.

#### **MIXED TECHNIQUE**

Any quilt that displays a balance of two or more specific techniques (for example, piece block and applique)

### **ART QUILT**

Any quilt of an original design that uses any techniques that would be used in a non traditional way. This may include a combination of techniques and/ or materials that are used in a non traditional way.

### **WORKMANSHIP**

Quilts that were made using block of the month programs, panels or kits.

### **PICTORIAL**

Any quilt that uses any technique to depict or illustrate an image that is recognizable, such as a portrait, a landscape, wildlife, etc.. This category does not include quilts using panels.

### **MY FIRST QUILT**

Quilts entered in this category must be your first quilt. No limitation to construction technique, age of entrant or age of quilt, as long as the entry meets the general rules for entry.

### **YOUTH ENTRY**

Entrants of this category must be 18 years old or younger. Quilts may be of any construction technique as long as they meet the general rules for entry.

### **OTHER TECHNIQUES**

Quilts that include hand embroidery, yo-yo quilts, crazy quilts, whole cloths, painted quilts, or any quilt that doesn't readily fit in any of the other expressly written categories.

### **CONTEMPORARY**

Quilts that display or are inspired by a "modern" or contemporary design. This may include but is not limited to quilts that make use of large areas of negative space, bold colors, use of contrast, minimalism, improv piecing, etc...

### **ABSTRACT**

Any quilt that does not depict or represent a realistic image, but focuses on shape, line or color to create a strong visual composition or design.

### **GROUP OR FRIENDSHIP QUILT**

Any quilt of any category that was completed by 3 or more people. *(Quilt tops or quilt blocks that you acquire and are finished by you to become a completed quilt would be included in this category if you wish to be in a judged category. We would include these types of quilts in this category due to the fact that, many times, it is unknown how many people were originally involved in the creation of already completed quilt blocks or tops that we inherit or purchase.)*

### **NON JUDGED**

Any quilt that you would like displayed but not judged.

### **HERITAGE QUILT – NON JUDGED**

Any quilt that you inherited or acquired in any way that you did not have any hand in doing any work on; it came to you as a completed quilt. These quilts will not be judged, but we do love to see them and have them on display. The previously listed rules requiring quilts to be "show ready" and free of any dirt, stains, damage, fading and odors still applies to this category.

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There are two places to provide information about your quilt on your entry form. Please read carefully. The space in the “preferred category” box is for any other information you feel we may need to know to accurately place your quilt in the proper category. This is especially useful if you are unsure of which category you belong in. This information is for internal quilt fest use only and will not be made public in anyway.

The second area, at the end of the form, is for a description of the quilt or any information you want to share about this quilt and why it is important to you. This information will be printed and displayed along side your quilt in the show.

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If you have any other questions, or need clarification on any point, please feel free to email us at [entries@quiltfestdurant.com](mailto:entries@quiltfestdurant.com) or give us a call at (580) 924-8883 (leave a message and we will get back to you!), or come drop into the Lulu and Hazel Quilt Shop at 502 Bryan Drive Durant, OK 74701.



## Professional Quilt Appraiser Services

How much is your quilt worth?

The answer may surprise you!

Appraisals are available by appointment.

Laura Syler, has been conducting quilt appraisals since 1980 and as an AQS Certified Appraiser of Quilted Textiles since 1998. Laura can access quilts hanging in quilt shows or quilts brought with you.

Two types of appraisals are offered:

### **Verbal Assessments - \$25**

Verbal assessments are useful for older family quilts that you may not know the history but are wanting to learn more about what the quilt tells the appraiser based on the fabrics, style and design. There is no written assessment, and a range of value may be provided.

### **Written Appraisal - \$75**

A written appraisal involves the collection of specific information about your quilted textile or garment regardless of age. The details of the quilt will be documented, and if needed, research performed to ascertain a market value. If extensive research is needed, the written appraisal will be mailed to you within 2 weeks. This document is valid for submission to your insurance company for coverage. Written appraisals are conducted for Insurance replacement, Donation or Fair Market values.

NOTE: A Professional Appraiser does not purchase or sell quilts while doing appraisals.

For more information about having your quilts appraised please contact:

Laura Syler, Durant Oklahoma

AQS Certified Appraiser of Quilted Textiles - 1998

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