28th Annual BEST LITTLE QUILT SHOW IN TEXAS

"Happiness is ..."

Presented by Colorado Valley Quilt Guild Friday, February 27, 2026 10:00 am to 5:00 pm Saturday, February 28, 2026 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

DEADLINES

TO REGISTER ENTRIES

To withdraw quilts

For receipt of mailed quilts

For delivery in person (between 1:00 and 4:00 pm)

Pick up quilts (between 5:00 and 5:30 pm)

Tuesday, January 13, 2026 Tuesday, January 20, 2026

Monday, February 9, 2026

Wednesday, February 25, 2026

Saturday, February, 28, 2026

CATEGORIES AND DEFINITIONS

Maximum size is determined by measuring width + length; e. g., a quilt 20" wide by 25" long = 45".

Past Show Chair Theme: "Happiness is ..." This quilt must be made within the last 1 year.

Large Quilt: Any quilt measuring more than 150".

Medium Quilt: Any quilt measuring from 91" to 150".

Small Quilt/Wall Hanging: Any quilt measuring from 90" or less.

Predominately Paper/Foundation Pieced: Any size quilt that has been at least 75% paper or foundation pieced.

Predominately Appliqued: Any size quilt that has been at least 75% machine or hand appliqued

Hand Quilted Quilt: Any size quilt that has been hand quilted.

Art Quilt: Original art inspired by artist's experiences, imagery, and ideas. (i.e., no patterns or kits).

Two Person Quilt: Two people worked on quilt in ANY way, including quilting.

Group Quilt: Three or more people worked on quilt in ANY way.

Mixed Technique: Quilts that combine techniques without one being predominant.

Wearables/Bags and Accessories: Item must be at least 50% quilted.

Re-Imagined Fashion: Not necessarily quilted.

Home Décor: Decor items such as pillows, placemats, table runners, bed runners, table toppers, etc. Item must be at least 50% quilted. No sleeve is required.

Youth Quilt: Any quilt made by someone 18 years of age or younger. Can have adult assistance.

My First Quilt Show Entry: Quilt top pieced and/or appliqued entirely by entrant. One per exhibitor.

RULES

- 1. Exhibitors must be members of the Colorado Valley Quilt Guild as of October 1, 2025 with the exception of the Youth Quilt category. Use one form for each entry. No quilt will be accepted unless the "Hold Harmless" agreement has been signed, dated, and submitted with photo of completed quilt top. PLEASE SUBMIT ENTRY FORM 2-SIDED (1 PAGE, FRONT & BACK.) A photo of the completed quilt top must accompany the entry form.
- 2. Entries must have been finished in the last 5 years and not have been entered in any previous CVQG Show.

3. CVQG reserves the right to divide or combine categories to facilitate judging.

- 4. Maximum size is determined by measuring width + length, e.g., a quilt 20" wide by 25" long = 45"
- 5. All entries must remain on display for the duration of the show. Pick up quilts between 5:00 and 5:30 pm, Saturday, February 28, 2026.

6. If the quilt is to be returned by mail, see rule 9.

7. Quilts may be hand or machine pieced and hand or machine quilted. Commercially quilted quilts will be exhibited in the two-person or group category. The following will not be accepted: unquilted tops, tied quilts, *or* framed or mounted quilts. Un-quilted wool appliqué, yo-yo quilts, Victorian style crazy quilts and cathedral window quilts will be accepted.

8. Mixed Technique are quilts that combine techniques without one being predominant.

9. For shipped entries, enclose a return mailing label and a return postage fee equal to the amount of postage/insurance you have on your parcel plus \$5.00. Entrants are responsible for their own insurance and shipping costs on all items. Each item will be returned in the same container in which it was shipped.

10. Each item must be clean, odor free, in good condition, and in a SEPARATE, LABELED <u>PILLOWCASE OR</u> <u>FABRIC BAG OF APPROPRIATE SIZE FOR YOUR QUILT</u>. Bags other than cloth, bags with handles, etc. will not be accepted. No rolled quilts will be accepted.

11. For hanging, **ALL** quilts must have a 4" or wider casing/sleeve **STITCHED** across the **TOP** back of the quilt. Quilts **LONGER THAN 92" MUST HAVE A CASING STITCHED** so that **TOP** of the sleeve is **92" FROM THE BOTTOM OF THE QUILT TO PREVENT THE QUILT FROM LYING ON THE FLOOR WHEN DISPLAYED.**

12. Each quilt must have *only one visible* **SEWN ON** label. As you look at the back of the quilt, sew a fabric label to the lower left corner. The label must include: Name of quilt (as shown on your entry form), year made, entrant's name and telephone number. Please cover this label with muslin held by two **safety** pins. Place a **safety** pin in the top corners of the muslin. **FOLD THE QUILT SO THAT THE LABEL (covered by muslin) IS EASILY VISIBLE AT CHECK-IN** (so that quilt does not have to be removed entirely from the pillowcase to view the label). Please fold your quilt and place it in your pillowcase with the label at the open end of the case. This label must be easily accessible during check-in. Remove or cover all other labels with an opaque fabric. This covering should be basted with thread, NOT PINNED.

13. CVQG reserves the right to refuse any quilt they deem inappropriate or not in compliance with the rules.

- 14. If the quilt maker is different from the owner of the quilt, the quilt will be entered in the category appropriate to the maker, i.e., artisan or professional/master. If you are unsure of the maker, it will default to professional/master.
- 15. For this show, <u>PROFESSIONAL</u> means one who has pieced or quilted for profit, taught any quilt-making technique for profit, published a book or pattern, had a quilt selected for publication in a book or magazine, or won a total of 5 or more blue ribbons in any combination of the following: Best Little Quilt Show, any guild, state, national, or international quilting competitions.

16. <u>ARTISAN</u> is a person that does not fit the Professional/Master category. If you fail to select a category on the entry form, you will be considered a Professional.

17. The exhibitor must notify the entry chair by Tuesday <u>January 20, 2026</u>, if their quilt(s) is being withdrawn, otherwise they will not be allowed to enter the show the following year.

Entry delivery information and checklist

Deliver quilts **Wednesday**, <u>February 25, 2026</u>, from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm to Knights of Columbus/La Grange Community Center, 190 South Brown Street, La Grange, Texas.

Mailed entries must be received no later than Monday, February 9, 2026. Include:

- Onilt
- Return mailing label for each quilt to be mailed back to you. (See rule 9)
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Send all the above to:

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