



# QUILT SHOW RULES

## BLACK HILLS QUILTERS GUILD

### JUNE 4, 5, & 6, 2026

Additional information is available at [www.bhquilters.org](http://www.bhquilters.org) ; for questions email [info@bhquilters.org](mailto:info@bhquilters.org)

1. Quilt Registration: See [www.bhquilters.org](http://www.bhquilters.org) for registration and payment. Paper forms are available at guild meetings and at local quilt shops. A separate form must be used for each quilt entered.
2. Payment for judging quilt: Submit \$15.00 per quilt for members and \$25.00 per quilt for non-members. Payment must be done online or accompany the paper registration form. No fee for non-judged quilts.
3. Registration Deadline: Tuesday, May 5, 2026. **No unregistered quilts will be accepted on June 3.**
4. Quilts must be delivered to The Monument on **WEDNESDAY, June 3, between 8:00 AM – Noon.**
5. Quilts will be released at approximately **5:00 p.m. on SATURDAY, June 6.**
6. Quilts must be clean and odor-free.
7. All quilts must have 3 layers (top, batting and back) and be quilted. Limited exceptions are noted in category descriptions.
8. Judged quilts cannot have a false back (backing covers the quilting), a frame (quilt stretched over wooden frame), and must have a binding. Limited exceptions are noted in category descriptions.
9. All quilts must have been made within the last 3 years and not previously entered in the Black Hills Quilt Show.
10. BHQG reserves the right to reject quilts of an offensive nature.
11. BHQG reserves the right to place your quilt in a different category if it does not match the definition of the category or to combine or eliminate categories if there are less than 5 quilts in a category.
12. BHQG reserves the right to photograph quilts and display them on our website.
13. Entries may be offered for sale with the owner setting their price. Consignment fee is 10% for members and 20% for non-members.

#### **UFO Contest**

The UFO contest is open to BHQG Members Only. The quilt must have been started before August 1, 2025 and finished by May 5, 2026. These quilts will be displayed along with other quilts in the show in the area that matches their category; the will be identified with a UFO label. Prizes will be awarded.

#### **Notes:**

- There are minor changes in the categories from last year, especially in the Non-Judged Division.
- Read all definitions before you select your category. The Pieced categories have many entries. If your quilt meets the definition for more than one category, it is suggested that you enter your quilt in something other than Pieced.
- Quilts created within a Special Interest Group (SIG) will not have a separate display this year. Enter these quilts in the appropriate category according to the definitions on the next page.
- Types of Quilting:
  - Professionally Machine Quilted means it is quilted by someone who quilts for hire or formerly quilted for hire
  - Non-Professionally Machine Quilted means it is done by someone who does not quilt for hire.
- In the Judged Division, Appliqued and Pieced Quilts will be divided by type of quilting. Pieced Quilts will also be divided by size.
- In the Non-Judged Division, Pieced Quilts will be divided by size.

*Category Definitions are given on next page*

## 2026 Category Definitions

### Judged Quilt Categories

Category Name	Description
Hand Quilted	Quilt must be entirely hand quilted
Appliqued by Hand	Edges of cut out shapes are turned and hand stitched to a background. Must be greater than 50% appliqued
Appliqued by Machine	Cut out shapes are attached to a background, usually with a fusible product and then machine stitched to the background (includes collage). Must be greater than 50% appliqued.
Pieced	Pieces of fabric are stitched together to make blocks; may be machine or hand-stitched.
Unique Technique	Quilt must be predominately a special technique. Examples: whole cloth, yoyos, crazy quilt, cathedral window, biscuit/puff quilt. For judged quilts, this category also includes machine and hand embroidery. Exceptions: binding and 3 layers not required; false backs allowed.
Art Quilts	The quilt and all components must be an original design created by the quilter (no patterns or copies of existing works). Exceptions: binding not required; false backs and lining allowed
Miniature Quilts	Perimeter must be 120" or less with blocks 4-inches or less. All components must be miniature in scale.
Miscellaneous Items	Wearables and home décor items. Examples: clothing, totes, purses, table runners, placemats, chairs, pillows, stuffed toys. Exceptions: binding not required; false backs and lining allowed.
Wool Applique	Applique of pieces of wool to a fabric background using embroidery stitches. Exceptions: three layers not required

### Non-Judged Quilt Categories

Category Name	Description
Appliqued by Hand	Edges of cut out shapes are turned and hand stitched to a background. Must be greater than 50% appliqued.
Appliqued by Machine	Cut out shapes are attached to a background, usually with a fusible product and then machine stitched to the background (includes collage). Must be greater than 50% appliqued.
Pieced by machine	Pieces of fabric are stitched together to make blocks
Done by Hand	Either piecing is done by hand OR quilting is done by hand or both.
Foundation Pieced	Uses a foundation piecing technique. (Includes Foundation Fanatics SIG)
Scrap Happy	More than 50% of the fabrics used in the quilt top come from your scrap stash. (Includes Scrappy Scappers SIG)
Made from a Kit	Made using a kit which provided pattern and fabric packaged as a unit for retail sale
Made from a Panel	Uses one or more panels. Panel may be used whole or cut apart to make blocks; Includes photos printed on fabric.
Made for a Child	Quilt must be twin size or smaller with a child or infant theme; must be made for a child that is 16 or under.
Happy Holidays	Holiday themed quilts. Examples: Patriotic, Valentine's, Halloween, Christmas, and other holidays
Embellished	Uses a significant quantity of surface embellishments. May include but is not limited to: machine or hand embroidery, beads, crystals, buttons, thread painting, and wool applique. Exception for wool applique: 3 layers not required.
Unique Technique	Quilt must be predominately a special <u>technique</u> . Examples: whole cloth, yoyos, crazy quilt, cathedral window, biscuit/puff quilt. Exceptions: binding and 3 layers not required; false backs allowed
Art Quilts	The quilt and all components must be an original design created by the quilter (no patterns or copies of existing works). (Includes: Mona Lisa SIG.) Exceptions: binding not required; false backs and linings allowed
Miniature Quilts	Perimeter must be 120" or less with blocks 4-inches or less. All components must be miniature in scale.
Wearables	Clothing, hats, shoes, etc. (Includes Wondrous Wearables SIG.) Items must include some form of piecing, applique, and/or quilting. Exceptions: binding and 3 layers not required; false backs and lining allowed.
Miscellaneous Items	Home décor and other miscellaneous items. Examples: totes, purses, table runners, placemats, chairs, pillows, stuffed toys. Exceptions: binding and 3 layers not required; false backs and lining allowed
Special Exhibit	Includes BHQG displays and Inspiration Studio (More information on website)