

★ The Stars of Texas ★

Announcing the 2005 AAQG Challenge

CHALLENGE: To Invite into competition. Challenge - quilting style. To have fun making a quilt that interprets a theme. To see the quilts that other people have made. To promote education in the art of quilt making by having the challenge quilts displayed to the public.

In the years that the Guild does not have a Quilt Show we have a Challenge.

We think that this will really be a fun one. We invite all the people in the guild, who like to play with fabric, to enter into the spirit of the challenge. The Challenge is fun and we get to enjoy each other, our different talents and perspectives. In the previous challenges approximately 19 to 25 quilts were entered, as always, more quilts are better, so if **The Stars of Texas** appeals to you please enter.

The Stars of Texas is the theme, and for this challenge.....

- There will be two judges with quilt-making experience. At least one will be a quilt judge with training.
- The Judging forms will be returned to the person who entered the quilt.
- We are hanging the quilts at a more public venue, the Travis County Annex at 5501 Airport Blvd.
 - In this building the County Clerk records deeds, issues marriage licenses, and prepares for elections. The Tax Assessor/Collector (Vehicle Licensing) is also in this building.
 - The building is new, a remodel, with plenty of parking.
 - It is open during standard business hours 8 to 5, M-F.
 - The hall where the quilts will be hung is monitored by a security camera and is used often by employees. It is in the line-of-site of anyone entering the building, and is out of direct sun-light.

map at: http://www.co.travis.tx.us/maps/county_clerk.asp

Rules:

1. One person quilts only. One entry form per quilt. One or two entries per person. Person must be a current member of the Austin Area Quilt Guild.
2. Quilt should interpret the theme, "The Stars of Texas" and may include any technique. Any fabric is acceptable. A minimum of 4 'Texas' type stars must be included as a design element on the front of the quilt. The five-pointed stars must be pieced and be at least 2 inches wide/high. The stars must have equal distant, same length arms, see the outline shape of the star on the flag of Texas. Stars may be any color but easily identifiable to the judges.
3. Quilting must be visible. May be machine and/or hand quilted.
4. Size must be 30" to 36" wide by 25" to 40" long.
5. Any shape acceptable, but must have 3" – 4" hanging sleeve on the back. (See AAQG show rules for specifics). Square, rectangle or irregular shape, diptychs or triptychs acceptable (2 or 3 parts), but the total is not to exceed the maximum width/height.
6. Back of Quilt will not be judged. An identification label must appear on the bottom edge of the quilt back.
7. Quilt must be given to the committee members by the end of the October Guild Meeting. Each quilt must be accompanied by a completed entry form. No late entries.
8. Entries will be hung at Travis County Clerks Annex on Airport Road, during November and December of 2005. Quilts will be returned during January 2005 Guild Meeting.
9. Judging Criteria: Overall visual impact, Interpretation of theme, Inclusion of design element, i.e., pieced stars, workmanship of piecing, quilting, and finishing.
10. Awards will be presented at the November meeting: First place, Second place, Third place, up to 4 Honorable mentions. The members attending the November meeting will determine a Viewer's Choice Award.
11. By entering this Challenge the Person understands that the AAQG will take every reasonable precaution to protect the quilt and that the AAQG cannot be responsible for acts of nature or acts beyond their control.

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