

QuiltFest 2026
September 17 – 19, 2026
“GIVE PIECE A CHANCE”
Prime F. Osborn III Convention Center
Jacksonville, Florida 32204-1546

Thursday - Friday 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

All Star Quilters * Coastal Quilters of NE Florida
Friendship Quilters * Honeybee Quilters * Jacksonville Modern Quilt Guild
River City PieceMakers * St. Augustine Piecemakers

To Register a Quilt in QuiltFest 2026:

- Complete one entry form for each quilt you wish to enter, including the Challenge and Young Quiltmakers categories. This form may be photocopied. Please fill it out completely and legibly. Or you may register and pay online.
- Please read the Category Rules carefully and check the appropriate box on the Registration Form.
- All quilts will be registered in the name of the person who signs the form, except for the QuiltFest Sisters Guild opportunity quilts which should be registered in the name of the Guild.
- The entry fee is \$30.00 per quilt, except for Challenge and Young Quiltmakers categories which are free. Entry fee for members of the QuiltFest Sister Guild affiliation is \$20.00 per quilt. The fee is nonrefundable.
- Sign and date the Registration Form. Quilts cannot be accepted without a signed or online Registration Form.
- All quilts must remain on display until the end of the show. There are no exceptions.
- **Exclusions: Any item previously entered in QuiltFest;** framed or frame-stabilized quilts; mounted quilts; mass produced machine quilted entries; clothing; home fashions; tied or non-quilted quilts (except for Young Quiltmakers and Other Quilting Techniques). No antique quilts can be accepted. Preprinted panels may be accepted if they are integrated into the quilt and not simply bordered. Some quilted panels may be accepted as whole cloth quilts.
- QuiltFest will not accept any quilts with offensive odors (e.g., cigarette smoke, pet odors, etc.)
- Please refer to our website, quiltfestjax.com “Enter a Quilt,” for exclusion details and other important information. You may register and pay online. **A quilt may only be registered once over the show years. Entrance to the show is free for one day only with your registration.**
- Or you may print this form and mail your Registration Form and Quilt Registration Fee(s) (check made out to QuiltFest Inc. of Jacksonville) to:

Linda Benton
461 S Roscoe Boulevard Ext
Ponte Vedra, FL 32082

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Registration must be submitted no later than July 25, 2026, Midnight, EST. We will cut off registrations before the deadline if a maximum of 450 quilts have been registered.

MAIL-IN DEADLINE: Quilts must be received between **August 21 – August 31, 2026**

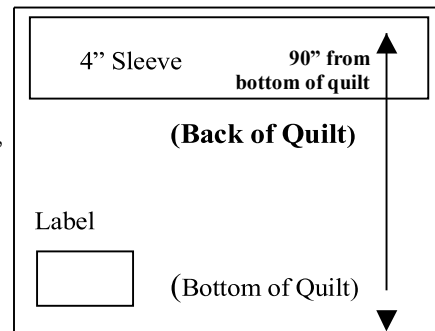
CHECK-IN FOR LOCAL QUILTS: Saturday, **September 5, 2026**

Quilt Preparation:

Sleeve: All quilts (with exception of miniatures smaller than 12") must have a 4" sleeve at the top of the quilt. This sleeve must be securely stitched on the top and bottom and should run the width of the quilt. See diagram at right.

Note: If your quilt measures more than 90" from the top of the sleeve to the bottom of the quilt, it will be rejected because it will be touching the floor. This limitation is due to our hanging apparatus. See diagram at right.

For large quilts, the top edge of the sleeve must be no more than 90" from bottom of the quilt. See diagram.



Quilt Owner's Label: Each quilt must have a fabric I.D. label with the owner's name (as listed on registration form) legibly printed or stitched and attached in the lower left-hand corner on the back of quilt. See diagram above. Any references to the maker, whether on the front or back (including the I.D. label mentioned above), will be covered during the judging phase of QuiltFest.

Bag: Each quilt, **including miniatures**, is to be completely enclosed in a fabric bag **no smaller** than a standard size pillowcase that can be closed and **EASILY** tied at the top. **No zipper closures on bags.** If your entry is a large quilt, it must be in a fabric bag large enough to be **easily** closed and tied at the top. Your name and phone number must appear on the outside of the bag. Each entry must have its own bag. No mesh laundry bags, please. **NOTE: For rolled rather than folded quilts, the pole may be no longer than 36". The pole must be flexible (no pvc pipe) and protrude no more than 2" at either end of the quilt. Pool noodles are acceptable.**

Shipping:

If mailing: Quilt must arrive between August 21, 2026, and August 31, 2026, to:

Mary Ann Glary
 3591 Kernan Blvd. S, #501
 Jacksonville, FL 32224
Mary.ann613@outlook.com cell. 904-704-7734
 (All questions regarding shipped quilts should be directed to Mary Ann Glary)

Please include a pre-paid shipping label for the return of your quilt. If you are unable to include this label, send a check covering the cost of the return shipping and insurance made payable to QuiltFest Inc. of Jacksonville. This check **must accompany your quilt (do not send with registration.)** Without this pre-paid label or check, your quilt cannot be returned to you.

Check-in:

All hand-delivered entries must be checked in on **Saturday, September 5, 2026**, between the hours of 11 am and 2 pm at one of these locations specified on your registration form. Your paperwork will only be at the specified location. **Hand delivered entries will NOT be accepted before or after this date.** Please notify Linda Benton if you withdraw your quilt.

Park City Baptist Church 7410 Park City Drive Jacksonville, FL 32244 Gloria Schmitt 573-819-1810	Arlington Masonic Lodge 3421 University Blvd N Jacksonville, FL 32277 Maureen Reiter 904-502-7458	Mandarin Church of Christ 12791 Old St. Augustine Rd. Jacksonville, FL 32258 Susan Sharpe 703-405-3937
Neptune Beach Senior Center 2004 Forrest Ave. Neptune Beach, FL 32266 Sue Hart 808-782-4506		Anastasia Baptist Church 1650 A1A South St. Augustine, FL 32086 Martha Abstein 904-608-7903

Quilt Return: Quilt pick-up will begin on **Saturday, September 19, 2026, no earlier than 5:30 pm** after the close of the show. Quilt owners are required to present their quilt owner's receipt at the time of pick-up. All quilts not being shipped must be picked up at this time. All shipped entries will be returned to the quilt owner within 10 days after the end of QuiltFest 2026. If you have any questions regarding these rules, please contact:

Linda Benton
bentonML03@icloud.com

Make a copy to mail. Please print legibly.
Entry deadline: July 25, 2026
QuiltFest 2026
Quilt Registration Form

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Cell: _____

QuiltFest Sister Guild Affiliation: _____

Quilt Title: _____

Quilt Size: (Width: _____ Length: _____)

Hand Quilted Stationary Quilting/Sewing Machine Moveable Quilting/Sewing Machine

Made by: _____ Quilted by: _____

Please keep comments brief, Pattern or Block name if known:

Hold Harmless Agreement

The following statement must be signed before your quilt will be accepted for QuiltFest 2026. I agree to permit QuiltFest, Inc. of Jacksonville, FL, to display my quilt at their quilt show, September 17-19, 2026, at the Prime F. Osborn III Convention Center. I understand that reasonable care will be taken to protect my quilt. I understand that no responsibility for any loss or damage to my quilt can be assumed by QuiltFest, Inc. of Jacksonville, FL, the Prime Osborn Convention Center or any other entity. I hereby give my permission for my entry to be photographed for use in event-related publicity.

Signature required: _____ Date: _____

Your entry must be picked up after 5:30 p.m., Saturday, September 19, 2026 at the end of QuiltFest 2026 at the Prime F. Osborn III Convention Center. Mailed entries will be shipped back to owners within 10 days after the end of QuiltFest 2026.

To enter a quilt in QuiltFest 2026, submit this **form** (completely and legibly filled out) with a **check** for the entry fee(s) payable to:

QuiltFest, Inc. of Jacksonville
c/o Linda Benton
461 S Roscoe Boulevard Ext
Ponte Vedra, FL 32082

Check only one Quilt Category:

- Large pieced
- Large Pieced Duet
- Intermediate Pieced
- Intermediate Pieced Duet
- Modern Quilts
- Appliquéd Quilts
- Small Quilts
- Miniature Quilts
- Other Techniques
- Art Quilts
- Collaborative Quilts
- QuiltFest Challenge
- Young Quiltmakers
AGE: _____

I will mail my quilt:

to arrive between 8/21/26-8/31/26.

Mary Ann Glary
3591 Kernan Blvd. S, #501
Jacksonville, FL 32224

I will enclose a pre-paid label or check for shipping and insurance.

Check in Location:

- Park City Baptist Church
- Arlington Masonic Lodge
- Mandarin Church of Christ
- Anastasia Baptist Church
- Neptune Beach Sr. Center

Drop off between 11:00am to 2pm.

Category Definitions and Rules

Each category except Young Quiltmakers is eligible for monetary awards when there are 12 or more entries. If a category has less than 12 entries, it will still be judged and only ribbons will be awarded. Each quilt must consist of a top, batting, and back held together with stitching (excluding Other Quilting Techniques). **No quilt may be larger than 110" X 110"** and the **top of the sleeve must be no more than 90" from the bottom of the quilt.** All decisions regarding category placement are the sole prerogative of the Judging Committee.

Large Pieced – Made and quilted by one person. Size 288" or greater overall and less than 110"x110", and the quilt must be more than 50% pieced.

Large Pieced Duet – Made and quilted by two people. Size 288" or greater overall and less than 110"x110", and the quilt must be more than 50% pieced.

Intermediate Pieced – Made and quilted by one person. Size greater than 180" and less than 288" overall, and the quilt must be more than 50% pieced. (Includes pieced crib quilts, lap quilts and wall hangings.)

Intermediate Pieced Duet – Made and quilted by two people. Size greater than 180" and less than 288" overall, and the quilt must be more than 50% pieced. (Includes pieced crib quilts, lap quilts and wall hangings.)

Modern Quilts - All quilts in this category should embody the principles of **modern design**, such as use of solids and bold colors, high contrast and graphic areas of color, minimalism, expansive negative space, maximalism, asymmetry, alternate and innovative grid layout, or improvisational piecing. Quilts can be pieced or appliquéd. No larger than 110" X 110".

Appliquéd Quilts – Total of all sides greater than 180", and no larger than 110"x110" and more than 50% appliquéd. Stained Glass quilts should be included in this category.

Small Quilts – Any pieced or appliquéd quilt with a total of all sides 180" or less.

Miniature Quilts – Pieced and/or appliquéd. Category not determined by size alone. Must be 1/12 of the size of a full-sized quilt. Maximum block size is 5" and the longest side of the quilt must be no more than 24".

Other Techniques – Examples of this category will include whole cloth quilts, yo-yo quilts, more than 50% embroidered and/or heavily embellished quilts, crazy quilts, cathedral window quilts, and quilts with very special techniques. Any size except miniature and no larger than 110" X 110".

Art Quilts – Must be an original design. Quilt shall not be a commercial pattern and may be contemporary or traditional. Quilt may be made from a photograph by the quilt maker only. No larger than 110" X 110".

Collaborative Quilts – Quilts made by three or more people. Includes all techniques and sizes ranging from miniature to a maximum of 110" X 110". Progressive and round robin quilts should be included in this category.

QuiltFest Challenge 2026 – "Give Piece a Chance" - Entries must follow guidelines and fabrics found in the QuiltFest 2026 Challenge Kit. Total of all sides 120" or less.

Young Quiltmakers' Quilts – All quilts completely made by quilters 18 and younger or students in grade 12 or under. **Entire quilt must be pieced and quilted or tied by the Young Quiltmaker.** The age of the quilter is required and will be listed in the program. Any size, no larger than 110" X 110". Young Quiltmakers are not limited to this category. If a young person enters a quilt into a category other than Young Quiltmakers, the appropriate entry fee and rules will apply.

Please enter your Quilting method on the Registration Form:

- **Hand Quilting**
- **Stationary Sewing/Quilting Machine** includes use of any sewing machine that allows the quilter to move the fabric rather than the machine on the quilt. This is the predominant method of quilting on the quilt.
- **Moveable Sewing/Quilting Machine** that allows the quilter to move the machine head rather than the fabric and is mounted on a frame. This is the predominant method of quilting on the quilt.