

2026 Gate City Quilt Show

“A Celebration of Quilting”

October 16-17, 2026

Calendar of Events

- September 1** Deadline for quilt show entries
- September 3** Last opportunity for delivery of quilts at Guild meeting 6:30 – 7:00 p.m. Registration fees must be paid at time of delivery.
- September 19** Hand-deliver quilts to CCUC. Registration fees must be paid at time of delivery.
- October 13** Quilt Judging
- October 17** Quilt pick up starts no earlier than 5:30 p.m. in Sanctuary of CUCC

Rules and Categories

The quilts in this show are not juried.

1. The maker(s) of a cloth quilt is eligible to enter. If a group submits a quilt entry, one person (submitting entrant) must complete and sign the entry form on behalf of the group.
2. Entries for categories other than “Display Only” must have been completed after January 1, 2024, and not previously entered in a Gate City Quilt Show.
3. The entry fee is \$5.00 per quilt for current members of the Gate City Quilt Guild and \$10.00 for non-members.
4. All quilts must have a sleeve with an opening of four (4) or more inches sewn to the top back of the quilt. The sleeve must have $\frac{1}{4}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ inch of ease between the outer edge of the sleeve and the quilt back. Exception: Sleeves on Miniatures must be at least 2 inches with $\frac{1}{4}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ inches of ease. The hanging sleeve must be **Sewn**, not pinned to the quilt prior to submission of the quilt to the show. Quilts not in compliance with this rule will **NOT** be accepted.
5. Entry must have a label on the back with the quilt name, maker’s name and address (City and State). This label must have a temporary cover attached with safety pins or **preferably blue painter’s tape**.
6. Odd-shaped quilts and multiple panels must be mounted on black fabric containing a sleeve (see Rule 4). The top portion of these quilts must be sewn securely to the black fabric. The bottom portion should be loose so the judges can examine the

back of the quilts. (Quilts with multiple panels hanging side-by-side horizontally may be mounted to a single black sleeve.)

7. Entries must have three (3) layers (top, middle, and backing). Entry must be quilted, not tied, with the following exceptions: crazy quilts, yo-yo quilts, and cathedral windows quilts. Quilting is defined as a running stitch that passes through all three layers.
8. Quilts that require special handling will not be accepted. The determination of whether your quilt meets the “special handling” criteria will be made by the GCQG Quilt Show Committee members upon delivery of your quilt. Example of quilts requiring special handling include, but are not limited to the following:
 - A quilt that cannot be stacked and/or folded with other quilts without potentially damaging your quilt or any other quilt in the show.
 - A three-dimensional quilt that has pieces that extend more than ½ inch above the surface of the quilt may be disqualified due to the special handling rule, particularly if those extensions are sharp, jagged and/or very large.
 - A quilt containing rigid frames, rods, or mounting devices. No special lighting may accompany quilts. No rods may be sewn into the sleeves of quilts.

If you have a question whether your quilt would meet these special handling criteria, please **contact Debbie Feulner at 919-815-4356** or debbie.feulner@gmail.com

9. Your quilt must **NOT** have any strong odors, e.g. smoke, perfume, mothballs, etc. since it will be stacked with other quilts. Any strong odors (as determined by the GCQG Quilt Show Committee members upon delivery of your quilt) may result in immediate disqualification. Quilts also should be free of pet hair.
10. **Challenge quilts require neither an entry fee nor pictures. See the Challenge Quilt Information and Rules in the Guild newsletter.**
11. All entries must hang for the duration of the show. **No exceptions.**
12. Upon submission, the Quilt Show Committee reserves the right to disqualify entries **not** meeting quilt show rules, a determination made at the sole discretion of GCQG. Quilts not in compliance with the rules will be returned to the entrant. The entrant may correct the issue and resubmit if time allows.
13. To prepare your quilt for delivery, fold it and place it in a **Pillowcase**. Use safety pins to attach the “Registrar’s Copy of Receipt” to the exterior of your pillowcase.
14. Be prepared to pay your Registration Fee when you deliver your quilt to the Registrar. Your quilt is not officially entered unless the Registration Fee is paid.