

Application Requirement

Entry application includes: One page completed entry form and a color photo with entrant's name, title of quilt on the back of photo.

Submission of application: Mail to Card Tricks Quilt Guild, P.O. Box 374, Show Low, AZ 85902
Or drop off at Pinetop Star Quilt Shop, Pinetop, AZ

Entry form due date: Must be postmarked on or before Saturday July 25, 2026.

Entry Requirements

Number of Entries: Three (3) entries per entrant are permitted in **each** judged category. Other quilts can be entered as "Display Only". Quilts previously entered in the "For Love of Quilts" show cannot be entered again.

Entry Construction: Entries must have a top, batting and backing containing quilting.

Entry Condition: Entries must be show ready when delivered: finished, clean, undamaged, free of odor and pet hair. Judging committee will remove any quilts that are deemed odorous, excessive pet hair, etc.

Sleeves: ARE NOT REQUIRED

Labels: Looking at the quilt back, a label identifying the quilt maker/quilter and name of the quilt must be secured to the lower lefthand corner. Labels may be permanently attached or secured with safety pins or fusible.

Showroom Display: Decisions regarding entry into correct categories and display of quilts are at the discretion of the quilt show committee. If entries in any category do not reach a t least five entries, these entries will be placed in other categories that are as comparable as possible and will be judged in those categories. **Entries with rigid frames, glass, special mounting or hanging devices will not be accepted. No clothing, tote bags, etc.**

Cloth Bag: NO PLASTIC BAGS! **Quilt must be in a cloth bag** (pillowcases acceptable or zippered pillow cover) with name of quilt & quilters name written in permanent ink. Art quilts can be rolled and can be entered with protective covering.

Folding: Fold the quilt so that the label can be seen from the top of the bag, without removing the quilt. Here's how: Place quilt face up with label on the bottom left corner of back [when you're looking at the back]. Fold front left edge over to the right edge of the quilt. Fold over a second time to the right. Fold the top down to the bottom. Fold again to the bottom. Turn the bundle over and the label should be facing up. Insert the quilt in your cloth bag with the folded edge first; the label should be at the opening, face up on the left.

Quilt Show Timelines

Entry form, fees and photo must be postmarked or received by **Saturday July 25, 2026**. Take in will be held **Friday August 7, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, and Saturday, August 8, 9:00 AM-Noon** at St. Mary's Catholic Church (St. Joseph's Family Center), 1915 S. Penrod Lane, Pinetop, Arizona.

Quilts will be returned at the St. Joseph's Family Center on **Saturday August 15, 2026 between 9:00 am and Noon**.

For updated information, please check the Card Tricks website: cardtrickschapter.com

Judged or Display Quilt Categories

Please **READ CAREFULLY** and choose the category that best fits your entry from the list and definitions.

Small - Perimeter is up to 249” including miniatures.

Medium – Perimeter is 250”- 324”

Large – Perimeter is 325” plus

100 - **Pieced** – Predominately pieced quilts (hand or machine stitched) **50% or more pieced.**

200 - **Appliqued** – needle turn, prepared edge hand or raw edge – **50% or more appliqued.**

300 – **President’s Challenge-Card Tricks Members only**--theme is Obscure National Celebration Day. Table runner/topper, size is minimum 14”X14”, maximum is 18” by 40”. Entry should include the Celebration Day as the name of the quilt on the front (not maker’s name).

400 – **Art** – Quilts in this category may illustrate a recognizable image such as wildlife, objects, naturescapes, people or cityscapes, etc. Whimsical art should also be considered in this category. **No panels!**

500 – **Celebration**--A quilt made as a celebration of family, friends, or an occasion such as weddings, anniversaries, births, graduation, etc.

600 – **Modern** – Modern quilts are primarily inspired by modern design. Modern quilts may include but are not limited to several of the following characteristics: bold colors and prints, high contrast and graphic areas of solid color, improvisational piecing, minimalism, expansive negative space and alternate grid work.

700 – **Machine embroidery/appliqued** – Majority and main focus of each block is made using an embroidery machine to embroider or applique.

800 – **Beginner/Novice** – Entries that are the first through third finished quilt of the entrant, made no more than two years before the quilt show. Novices are not required to enter their quilts in this category; however, this category allows entrants to have a chance to have their work judged against other beginning quilters rather than against the work of more experienced quilters.

900 – **Other** – Quilts that do not readily fit into any other category such as cathedral window, yo-yo, whole cloth, crazy quilts, hand embroidery, silk ribbon, stencil, use of embellishment, tied, tacked. Panels if more than 50% of quilt.

1000- **Paper pieced** – 50% or more paper pieced

1400 – **Kit quilts** – Quilts made entirely from kits providing pattern and all fabrics, including block of the month projects that provide pattern and fabric. Kit quilts are not eligible for Best of Show or Best Use of Color.

1500 – **Youth** – Must be 17 years old or younger. **This category will not be judged.**

1600 – **Patriotic**—Entries reflect our theme of **Happy Birthday America** and /or the 250th Anniversary of the founding of our country.

Judged Awards

Best of Show

1st, 2nd, 3rd, and Honorable Mention
in Each Category

Overall Exemplary Judged Awards

Overall Exemplary Piecing
Overall Exemplary Applique
Overall Exemplary Hand Workmanship
Overall Exemplary Domestic Machine Quilting
Overall Exemplary Long Arm Quilting
Overall Exemplary Best Use of Color
Overall Exemplary Original Design
Judges Choice Award

Quilts will be judged by Cindy Seitz Krug

Viewer's Choice Awards

Overall Best of Show

1st, 2nd, 3rd, and Honorable Mention

President's Challenge

1st, 2nd, 3rd and Honorable Mention