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Houston's Largest and Oldest Quilt Guild presents: Houston Joy of Quilts January 2025
Preserving the Art of Quilting while Providing Comfort to the Community

Houston, TX The Quilt Guild of Greater Houston – Houston's oldest and largest Guild will hold their 48th annual **Houston Joy of Quilts** Show January 17 and 18 2025 at the Stafford Center. The Quilt Guild of Greater Houston is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to the art of quilting. Over 200 quilts will be on display, Fifty Quilts will be auctioned online with proceeds to be used to provide quilts to more than twenty-five organizations in Houston that serve families and children in need. More than 10,000 quilts have been donated since the Guild was established in 1976.

"We are proud to continue showcasing the work of our talented network of quilters. Initially, quilts served as protection from a cold environment, but today they have blossomed into a form of self-expression. Each year, the **Houston Joy of Quilts** offers the public an opportunity to view and purchase our quilts, with 100% of the proceeds dedicated to encouraging the growth and development of quilting through art, education, and community support. We are committed to supporting families, children, and those in need by consistently providing quilts to organizations in Houston such as Texas Children's Hospital, Ronald McDonald House, and KASA. Each quilt we create, and deliver is delivered with the message – "He Who Sleeps Under a Quilt is Comforted by Love" Janice Schindeler, Joy of Quilts Chair for Quilt Guild of Greater Houston.

Quilters from across Texas enter the judged competition, and their work will be on display at the Stafford center. Renowned judges Diane Leclair and Shawn Sickle will provide judging and written feedback for the entry quilts. Marcia Kaylakie, Certified Quilt Appraiser, will augment the judging. A First-Place ribbon given for Best of Show Machine Quilting Best of Show Hand Quilting and Judges Selection will be awarded along with several other specialty awards. These are in addition to the Overall Best of Show.

Marcia Kaylakie, certified Appraiser from Turkey Creek Quilts, will be on hand during the two-day event to provide appraisals and feedback for quilts from attendees. The public may bring quilts for review by Marcia.

The Guild is well known across Houston for their philanthropy and several of their members are award winning quilters including:

- Guild volunteers staff the "Learn to Quilt" booth at the Houston International Quilt Festival each year, introducing over 500 attendees to the art of quilting.
- Volunteers provide over 10,000 hours per year to raise awareness, create and teach the art of quilting throughout the Houston area.
- 500 Quilts donated in 2024 (through Oct 2024) to organizations including Houston Hospice, MD Anderson, CASA Esperanza, Sleep in Heavenly Peace, Christian Community Service Center, Texas Children's Hospital, Ronald McDonald House
- 262 members strong including Blue Ribbon Award Winners at the 2024 Houston Livestock and Rodeo – Janice Schindeler winner of Hand Quilted, for "Animal Insanity" Red Ribbon Award Winner Audrey Lynn, – "Chicken Hollywood Squares", White ribbon award winner Ellen Happe Phillips– "Hey Cowboy."
- Member Jackie Hilman had a special exhibit of 18 quilts at the International Quilt Festival in 2023 – Many Ways to Carve a Goose.

Entry to the quilt show may be purchased at the door for \$10. To learn more about Houston Joy of Quilts, please visit:
<https://houstonjoyofquilts.com/>.

About: Quilt Guild of Greater Houston is a 501C3 organization dedicated to promoting the Art of Quilting and providing an opportunity for sharing ideas and learning new techniques. We serve the community through Charitable giving, through our collective efforts, we provide warmth, comfort and love to those in need.