

Quilt Appraisals Available at Quilt Congress

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WHY HAVE YOUR QUILT PROFESSIONALLY APPRAISED:

- You can feel secure in knowing that your treasure is protected from loss due to floods, fire, damage or theft. It will also provide a written record for future generations.
- If you have quilts and want to determine values for donation, gifts or estate purposes, an appraisal will provide the documentation to the IRS.
- If you're thinking of selling a quilt or just want to know what it might be likely to bring in the open market, a fair market appraisal will assess the value based on educated research and evaluation of the current textile market.
- If you display your quilts or enter them in quilt shows or competitions, you will want to know that the quilt is adequately covered by insurance while at a show or exhibit. An appraisal will be required for that purpose.

APPRAISER QUALIFICATIONS:

- Alice McElwain is an American Quilter's Society Certified Quilt Appraiser. She has studied and passed exams for appraisal courses since 1986. In April of 2014, McElwain was certified as a Quilt Appraiser through the American Quilter's Society and is currently the only Certified Appraiser in the State of Arkansas. She is also one of 104 members in North America of the Professional Association of Appraisers of Quilted Textiles (PAAQT).
- She is also a member of the American Quilt Society as well as the American Quilt Study Group and continues to participate in continuing education for her profession.
- In addition, she is a quilt teacher since 1976, owned and operated a quilt shop in Southwest Kansas and participated in the Kansas Quilt Documentation in 1986. She was acknowledged in the book *Kansas Quilts and Quilters*, by Brackman, Chinn, Davis, Thompson, Hornback and Farley.
- She has judged quilt competitions and shows since 1989 at fairs, quilt guilds and private venues.
- In 1992 her quilt, "Showing Homes" won Honorable Mention in the National Quilt Association Annual Small Guilds Quilt Show. Ragi Marino's book *Flying High* features one of her mini-quilts and was accepted for the traveling exhibit and is now permanently housed at the Liberal Air Museum in Liberal, Kansas. Her quilt "Shrove Tuesday" was chosen for the cover of the Liberal Pancake Day program in 2006. The quilt also won first place in the Pancake Day quilt competition. Many of her quilts have won numerous awards, ribbons and honors.
- She continues to teach, lead quilt a local quilt study group, present programs, judge quilts, and appraise quilts. McElwain is also a member of M.O.K.A., a quilt study group of Missouri, Oklahoma, Kansas and Arkansas.