

Canberra Quilters Members' Exhibition 2024

EXHIBITION CATEGORIES AND AWARDS

CATEGORIES

0: Display Only

If you do not want your quilt or item of wearable art to be judged it must still conform to all relevant conditions of entry. Entries in this Category will not be judged for any category prizes or special awards but are eligible for public awards such as Hangers' or Viewers' Choice.

This is the Category to select for any quilts if you have already entered two for judging in addition to the Challenge Quilt, Tiny Treasure Quilt and two items of Wearable Art. Quilts made from **kits or blocks of the month** where the fabric has been provided with the pattern must be entered in this Category.

OPEN

1: Challenge Quilt

In response to the challenge theme, '**Dreaming**', the quilt must measure 70 cm x 50 cm, with a 1 cm tolerance and may be landscape or portrait orientation. Unless specifically included as eligible for another prize or award (Margaret Armistead Award, Novice Award, Hangers' Award or Viewers' Choice Award), a Challenge Quilt may not be considered for any other prize/award.

2: Tiny Treasure Quilt

No side larger than 35 cm, with a maximum perimeter of 140 cm.

3: Wearable Art

An item of adult clothing that incorporates at least **two** of the following techniques: patchwork, appliqué, or quilting. It may also include other creative manipulation and embellishment. A member may enter up to two items.

4: Art or Mixed Media Quilt

All quilts must be an original design with no similarity to the work of another artist.

Quilts with an emphasis on mixed media may include materials other than fabric and must include mixed techniques such as printing, embroidery, embellishment, painting, dyeing, fibre manipulation and/or trapunto. Must comprise at least 50% fabric and meet the definition of a quilt.

Maximum size of any quilt - 260 cm length or width.

5: Group Quilt

Three or more people must have constructed the quilt, and at least one of the makers must be a Canberra Quilters Inc. member. The quilting may be done by a commercial quilter, as long as that person is a member of the group and received no payment for the work. Maximum size 260 cm length or width.

6: Commercially Quilted Quilt

Unless entered in Category 0: For Display Only, any quilt made by a member and quilted by a commercial quilter must be entered in this Category. Maximum size 260 cm length or width.

7: Large Quilt – Amateur

Minimum size 150 cm length or width, maximum size 260 cm length or width, with a 1 cm tolerance.

8: Small Quilt – Amateur

Maximum size 150 cm length or width, with a 1 cm tolerance.

9: Large Quilt – Professional

Minimum size 150 cm length or width, maximum size 260 cm length or width, with a 1 cm tolerance.

10: Small Quilt – Professional

Maximum size 150 cm length or width, with a 1 cm tolerance.

JUNIOR

11: Quilts by Children (up to Year 6)

Children attending primary school may enter up to three quilts each in this category, but must indicate order of hanging preference on the entry form. Siblings may enter a joint quilt. Maximum size 260 cm length or width.

12: Quilts by Youth (Years 7–12)

Children attending secondary school/college may enter up to three quilts each in this category, but must indicate order of hanging preference on the entry form. Siblings may enter a joint quilt. Maximum size 260 cm length or width.

SPECIAL AWARDS

Various awards will be made; some have specific guidelines attached to their granting. The Judge **determines** these awards except the Viewers' Choice Awards, the Hangers' Award and both Armistead Awards.

Margaret Armistead Award

First-time amateur exhibitors (Categories 1, 2, 4, 7 and 8) are eligible for this award. This must be the first time you have exhibited a quilt in a quilt show, **anywhere at all**. You must indicate on the entry form if you are a first-time exhibitor. Quilts must be entirely the work of the entrant, not include kits nor blocks of the month where the fabric is supplied, and not be commercially quilted.

Allan Armistead Junior Encouragement Award

First-time junior exhibitors in Categories 11 and 12 are eligible for this award. You must indicate on the entry form if you are a first-time exhibitor. Quilts must be predominantly the work of the entrant and must not be commercially quilted and not include kits nor blocks of the month where the fabric is supplied.

Winners of these Awards are determined by the Judge

Best of Show Award

Selected from the first placed quilts in Categories 4, 7, 8, 9, and 10. The Best of Show winner will retain the first-place award and prize in its respective category.

The winner of the Best of Show Award must agree to submit the winning quilt to any relevant National Quilt Award during the following year. The winner is required to make the quilt available to travel to venues displaying winning quilt entries from other States and Territories as requested by a Guild or sponsor.

Amateur Encouragement Award

The quilt will be selected from the quilts awarded placegetters in Categories 7 and 8 and the amateur placegetters in Category 4. Previous winners are not eligible to receive this Award a second time.

School Student Encouragement Award

An Award is made to a junior quilt maker attending primary or secondary school. This Award is open to all entrants in Categories 11 and 12. Previous winners are not eligible to receive this Award a second time.

Novice Award

Amateur entrants who have been making quilts/wearable art for **only three years or fewer** are eligible for this Award (Categories 1, 2, 3, 4, 7 and 8). Quilts/wearable art must be entirely the work of the entrant and must not be commercially quilted. Joint entries are excluded from this Award. This Award includes time prior to becoming a member of Canberra Quilters Inc.

Best Use of Colour

Awarded to the quilt selected by the Judge to have best use of colour.

Retaining the Tradition

Awarded to the quilt selected by the Judge to best exemplify the traditions of patchwork or appliqué and quilting (hand or machine).

Embellishment Award

Awarded to the quilt or item of wearable art selected by the Judge to make the best use of embellishment.

Appliqué Award

Awarded to the quilt judged to best demonstrate excellence in turned, raw edge or machine appliqué.

Excellence in Hand Quilting

Awarded to the quilt judged to best demonstrate excellence in hand quilting.

Modern Quilting Award

Quilts in Categories 2 and 5-10 are eligible for this Award. Quilts will be judged for impact rather than perfection. Entries should embrace simplicity and minimalism; contain bold colours, current colour trend combinations or graphic prints, and reflect an increased use of solid-coloured fabrics or neutral space. The quilt may contain re-interpreted traditional blocks.

Batik Fabric Award

Awarded to a quilt making the best original use of batik fabric. A minimum of 50% of the quilt top must comprise batik fabrics.

Machine Quilting Awards

Three awards for machine quilting will be given. You must detail your machine and quilting process on the entry form.

- Domestic Machine Quilting Award - for a quilt **quilted by the quilt maker** on a stationary domestic machine through which the quilt moves.
- Mid-Arm Machine Quilting Award - for a quilt **quilted by the quilt maker** on a stationary mid-arm machine through which the quilt moves. Examples include Sweet Sixteen or Bernina Q20 but there may be other machines which fit this category.
- Moveable Machine Quilting Award - for a quilt **quilted by the quilt maker** on any style of machine-and-frame system where the quilt is stationary and the machine moves over it during quilting.

VIEWERS' CHOICE AWARDS

Viewers' Choice Awards at the Exhibition will be granted for four items:

- Quilts (from Categories 0, 4-10);
- Challenge Quilts/Tiny Treasure Quilts (from Categories 1 and 2);
- Junior Quilts (from Categories 11 and 12); and
- Wearable Art (from Category 3).

These Viewers' Choice Awards are determined by the greatest number of votes received from visitors to the Exhibition. Voting slips are available throughout the Exhibition.

Online Viewers' Choice Award

Voting will be open to the public for an Online Viewers' Choice Award and all voting will only be done online. Voting may be undertaken on any entry in any category. The outcome will be determined by the greatest number of online votes received. A designated link will be set up on the Canberra Quilters' website <https://canberraquilters.org.au/> to enable voting.

Hangers' Award

This is a fun award chosen by the Exhibition hangers prior to the opening of the Exhibition.