

# HOW RIBBONS ARE DISTRIBUTED AT THE QUILT SHOW

## Professionally Judged Quilts

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Having your quilt judged may be a scary thing, but it is a great way to get constructive comments from a professional. It can take your skill level to new heights!

Merrimack Valley Quilters Guild hires a professional judge to judge quilts for those who would like that feedback. Only judged quilts are eligible for a ribbon in certain categories. It is the only time during the process that a professional, who is not affiliated with the guild, sees this group of quilts to be judged. The fee for professional judging is \$6 per quilt.

*Cash awards, for the following first place finishers in each category, are given at the October guild meeting:*

- Categories such as **Small/Wall, Medium, Large, and Art/Artistic Quilts** are eligible for a first, second, and third place ribbon. Added last year were **Modern** and **Contemporary Quilts**. Categories can change from year to year depending on entries.
- **Special Awards** may include **Best Long Arm Quilting, Best Domestic Quilting, Best Binding, Best Use of Embroidery or Embellishments, Best Appliqué, and Best Piecing**. Categories can change from year to year depending on entries.
- **Mystery Quilts** will be displayed at the June guild meeting's Show and Tell segment. Depending on how many Mystery Quilts are submitted for entry and are professionally judged, a Mystery Quilt entry could earn a first, second, or third place ribbon. Mystery Quilts will be hung together for best impact.
- Specialty ribbons awarded during judging are **Best in Show** and **Judge's Choice**. These quilts will hang in a place of honor at the show's entrance.

*No cash award for the following:*

- The National Association of Certified Quilt Judges Award or **NACQJ Award of Merit** ribbon is given by a certified judge. NACQJ judges have the option of awarding this special ribbon to a deserving quilt he or she might judge. At the judge's discretion, it will be awarded to one quilt achieving recognized standards of quilt-making excellence.

## Non-professionally Judged Quilts

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*A cash award for the following first place finisher is given at the October guild meeting:*

- **Challenge Quilts** will be judged free of charge at the show. With sufficient entries, first, second, and third place ribbons will be awarded. These quilts will hang together for best impact.

## Any Quilt Entered in the Show

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*A cash award for the following is given at the October guild meeting:*

- A **Viewer's Choice** ribbon is awarded for the quilt that receives the most votes from attendees of the show.

*No cash awards for the following:*

- Each vendor is given a **Vendor's Choice** ribbon to award to any quilter of his or her choosing.
- Each **Quilt Show Chair** will be given a ribbon to award at the show.

Check out all quilt show info on the MVQ website: [mvquilters.org/Annual Quilt Show](http://mvquilters.org/Annual%20Quilt%20Show)