

HOW RIBBONS ARE DISTRIBUTED AT THE QUILT SHOW

Professionally Judged Quilts

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, Art/Artistic Quilts, Modern** and **Contemporary Quilts** are eligible for a first, second, and third place ribbon. 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 of Show** and **Best of Judged** quilts. 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

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

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)