

Pieces and Strings
21st Annual Quilt Contest & Show
March 28 – March 30, 2008
(Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.)

INFORMATION SHEET AND ACCEPTANCE INSTRUCTIONS

PRIZES: Cash prizes will be awarded to first and second place winners in various quilting categories, at the discretion of the judges. There will be only one prize per quilt.

Prizes will be offered for quilts in nine categories—both hand and machine quilted. Due to the generosity of Port Gibson Main Street, Inc, Dr. Michael Ellis and the Ross Family we will offer the following special prizes.

- \$500 Port Gibson Main Street Prize to be awarded to the quilt judged best of show. (pending)
- \$400 Ruth Newlin/Mary Ann Norton Prize for first place in Traditional Patterns.
- \$400 Sallie M. Ross Memorial Fund for the best Traditional String (pending).

In addition to these special prizes we offer first place prizes.

CATEGORIES:

- Improvisation—creative improvisation
- String, Strip, Scrap—creative use of bits & pieces
- Traditional Patterns—tight geometrical symmetry featuring close stitches
- Crib, Wall, Table, & Small Pieces
- Narrative Quilts
- Appliqué
- Collaborations with children
- Heirloom Quilt Collaborations—top made by a previous generation and quilted in the last three years.
- Machine Quilted Quilts

JUDGES:

- Mary Lohrenz, Curator, Governor's Mansion, Jackson, MS
- Roland Freeman, Freelance Photographer, Washington, D.C., author of the quilt book, *A Communion of the Spirits*

ELIGIBILITY: Quilts must have been completed between 2005 and 2008. In the Heirloom Quilt Collaborations category, tops must have been pieced before 1980 and quilted between 2005 and 2008. Quilts must be constructed and made by the person(s) named on the registration form. For group entries enclose a list of names.

All quilts must be pieced or appliquéd by hand or machine and quilted by hand. Machine quilted pieces will be judged in a separate category.

Quilts entered in previous years' shows will not be eligible this year. Quilts will be judged in categories for Beginners (quilting less than 3 years) and Experienced (quilting 3 years or more).

PREPARATION: A cloth label must be sewn to the back lower right of the quilt to identify quilt and maker. Heirloom quilts need identifying label also. All contest quilts must have a 4-inch sleeve sewn across the back at the top for hanging. Place quilt in a pillowcase or large plastic bag (only one per bag). Each bag should be clearly labeled with entrant's name, address, and phone number.

DELIVERY: All items for the Quilt Contest and Show should be delivered on or before Friday, March 21, 2008, by 4 p.m. Bring or mail quilts to:

**Mississippi Cultural Crossroads
507 Market Street
Port Gibson, MS 39150
601-437-8905**

PICK-UP: Quilts must be left for the duration of the show (**through Tuesday, April 30, 2008**). We will take down the show and begin returning quilts on Wednesday, May 1 at 10 a.m. You are responsible for picking up your own quilts.

SALES: If your entry is for sale, we will mark it "FOR SALE" at the price you put on your registration form **plus a 30% markup to cover the expenses of Mississippi Cultural Crossroads**. Please understand that we do not guarantee that your quilt will be sold. You must leave your judged entry hanging for the duration of the show. You may bring additional quilts to sell as well.

CARE OF QUILTS: We will handle all of the quilts entrusted to us with the utmost care. The building will be locked when we are not present. All quilts are insured while they are with us.

FEES: The fee is \$10.00 for each quilt entered. A separate registration form must be sent for each item. Make check or money order payable to Mississippi Cultural Crossroads.

REGISTRATION: Registration forms, with check or money order, are due no later than March 21, 2008. Send to:

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Have questions? Need help filling out registration form? Call Patty or Geraldine at 437-8905 or Geraldine at 437-3203.

Do you have quilts you made before 2005 or any heirloom quilts or other treasures relating to quilting you would let us display in our show? There is no fee, but we do need a registration form with description filled out for each. Please share these treasures with us and our guests.

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REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (days) _____ Evenings & Weekends _____

Email address _____

Quilt Name or Pattern _____

Top Made by _____ Quilted by _____

Size in inches _____ by _____ Category (see information sheet) _____

Year Quilt was made _____

Describe the quilt (colors, pattern, technique(s) used in making) and any other information about the quilt.

Approximate value _____ Is it for sale? _____ Price _____

Is label attached to back? _____ Is a 4" sleeve sewn on back across the top? _____

Year you started quilting _____.

Describe yourself. When did you learn to quilt? Who taught you?

Have you enclosed check or money order? _____

Are you interested in joining other women at a quilting frame during the show? _____

What day(s) _____ Morning _____ Afternoon _____

Check here if you wish to receive written comments from the judges _____.

I wish to enter the above item and agree to abide by all conditions pertaining to exhibiting. I understand the committee reserves the right to change the category in which the quilt is entered. I understand that every precaution will be taken to protect my quilt entered in this show but that **Mississippi Cultural Crossroads** cannot be responsible for acts of nature beyond its control. I give permission for my quilt to be photographed. I realize all quilts will hang through April 30, 2007.

Signature of Exhibitor

See Information Sheet and Acceptance Instructions for complete information on submitting your quilt or quilts.

Mail completed registration form (one for each item entered) with check or money order to:

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This form may be photocopied for additional entries. Each entry needs a Registration Form.

Registration is \$10.00 per quilt.

Deadline for registration is no later than March 21. We encourage you to submit your registration forms as early as possible, to help us organize the information for our exhibit guide.

For the eleventh consecutive year the Mississippi Museum of Art has agreed to hang our winning quilts. They will again hang in the new museum space. They will be hang from May 9th to September 9th. We will deliver the quilts to the museum.

PLEASE FILL OUT THE FORM COMPLETELY. THE INFORMATION IS VERY IMPORTANT. IT WILL BE USED TO PUT TOGETHER OUR EXHIBIT GUIDE.