



# Quilt Talk

GULF STATES QUILTING  
ASSOCIATION



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## *President's Letter*

Spring, 2024. What does that mean?

Well, besides the yellow coating of pollen everywhere in sight, it means it's time for our 20th Biennial Quilt Show! Starting April 6, we will congregate at our Rosebud Luncheon in Slidell, LA to kick off quilt week with a great meal and the many raffle baskets that we oooh and aaah over. April 12-13, at the North Shore Harbor Center in Slidell, LA, over 360 quilts will be on display for your viewing pleasure, vendors will gladly assist you with your shopping needs and so much more, which is all detailed here by our chairpersons for your reading pleasure. Don't forget about the spectacularly beautiful Opportunity Quilt! Have you purchased tickets? It's not too late, and you do not have to be present to win.

The week following the Quilt Show, April 18-19, we will have the fantastic Rob Appell teaching two classes, followed by his program at our Quarterly Meeting April 20th in New Orleans. More information follows in this newsletter.

We are working very hard to bring in teachers who are interesting and will share their talents with us. Nina Clotfelter will teach two classes and will be our speaker at our

Quarterly Meeting in Baton Rouge in July 2024. Is there someone you know or want us to contact? Share your information with one of the board members.

For those of you who missed the Cindy Grisdela traveling teacher classes this year, do not fret, as she is coming back in 2025. Watch for more information later.

Have you ever volunteered to help with GSQA events? There is so much you can do, and we need you! Would you like a position on the board? Right now, we are still looking for a chairperson for the Marion Maerke Scholarship Award. Let me know if you are interested. It is not a time consuming position, and it is very gratifying.

As you can see, we have a busy and exciting year ahead! I hope to see many of you soon at the Quilt Show. Loretta R. Webre

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**GSQA IS SEEKING A VOLUNTEER TO LEAD  
THE MARION MAERKE SCHOLARSHIP  
COMMITTEE. PLEASE CONTACT THE  
BOARD VIA THE EMAIL ABOVE OR IN PER-  
SON AT ONE OF THE APRIL 2024 EVENTS.  
THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION!**

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

**April 6, 2024** Rosebud Luncheon  
Pinewood Country Club Slidell, LA.

**April 12-13, 2024** GSQA Quilt Show Har-  
bor Center, Slidell, LA

**April 18-19, 2024** Quarterly Meeting  
classes with Rob Appell.

**April 20, 2024** Quarterly Meeting 6505  
Spanish Fort Blvd. New Orleans, LA.

**May 1-4, 2024** Sewing & Quilt Expo  
Pontchartrain Center, Kenner, LA.  
[www.sewingexpo.com](http://www.sewingexpo.com)

**July 20, 2024** Quarterly Meeting Baton  
Rouge, LA. with Nina Clotfelter

**October 19, 2024** TBA

**November 21-24, 2024** Retreat BSL, MS.

**January 18, 2025** Quarterly Meeting TBA

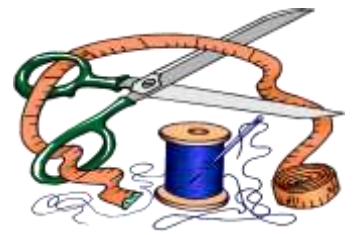
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**GSQA NAME BADGES  
ARE READY!**

Sue Hardy has pre-ordered name badges  
ready for members to pickup. These will be  
available at the Rosebud Luncheon, Quilt  
Show and the April Quarterly Meeting. Stop  
by the Ways & Means table to see if there is  
one ready with your name on it!



**GSQA POE, CIRCUIT TEACHERS  
RETREAT, CALL FOR 2025  
QUARTERLY MEETING  
HOST GUILDS**



**PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE**

- ♦ June 22, 2024 Belle Terre Library, 5550 Belle Terre Rd. Marrero, LA. 70072 host guild Quilting Fans
  - ♦ There are 2 future events: September 21, 2024 Franklinton, LA & Pensacola, FL. TBA
- I am seeking alternative formats for POE to allow more members to attend.

If your guild would like to host a POE email Paula Matthews [palm55@bellsouth.net](mailto:palm55@bellsouth.net)

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**CIRCUIT TEACHERS**

Greetings - please stay tuned for more information on Circuit Teacher classes for 2024. If anyone is interested in becoming a Circuit Teacher especially if you can teach paper piecing or any other techniques please contact me. To schedule classes for 2024 or if you have any questions please email me Marie Fuselier [bofus53@gmail.com](mailto:bofus53@gmail.com)

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**NOVEMBER 2024 RETREAT**

November 21 - 24, 2024 at the William Kelly Retreat Center, 510 N. Second St. Bay St. Louis, MS 39520. A minimum of 15 participants is required. Cost will be \$250 double occupancy (deposit \$125) and \$310 single occupancy (deposit \$155). Registration will open at the April 2024 meeting. Please visit the [GSQA Events Page](#) for more info.

GSQA's goal is to offer retreats biannually, in May & November. I am seeking suggestions for future events, at facilities that offer lodging, food service and space to quilt. Please email Leigh Babin Retreat Coordinator [leighbabin22@gmail.com](mailto:leighbabin22@gmail.com)

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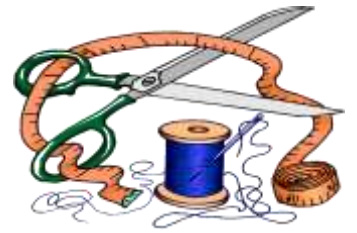
**CALL FOR HOST GUILDS FOR 2025  
QUARTERLY MEETINGS**

**GSQA is seeking host guilds for the 2025 Quarterly General Meetings. Multiple guilds may choose to co-host a meeting. Please email April Holifield if interested [abholifield@gmail.com](mailto:abholifield@gmail.com)**





# GSQA APRIL 20, 2024 QUARTERLY MEETING NEW ORLEANS, LA.



## GSQA Quarterly Meeting New Orleans, Louisiana April 20, 2024 10am – 3pm

**Join us for the April Quarterly Meeting with  
Guest Speaker Rob Appell**

**Location:**

Lake Vista Community Center Second Floor  
6500 Spanish Fort Blvd.  
New Orleans, LA. 70124  
(above Mes Amis Quilt Shop 6505 Spanish Fort Blvd)

**Host Guilds:** Cotton Pickin', Jacob's Ladder,  
Quilting Fans and Stitchy Fingers

**Hotel Information:** No hotel blocks have been  
arranged

**Lunch Options:** Members should pack a lunch,  
morning refreshments, coffee and dessert will be  
provided. There are no quick service restaurants in  
close proximity to the community center.

**Charity:** Monetary donations will be accepted for  
Second Harvest Food Bank

**Area Quilt Shops:**

Mes Amis Quilt Shop  
6505 Spanish Fort Blvd.  
New Orleans, LA. 70124

<https://www.mesamisquiltshop.com/>

Chateau Sew & Sew  
1512 St. Charles Avenue  
New Orleans, LA. 70130

<https://chateausew.com/>

ricRACK Creative Reuse Shop & Community Sewing  
Studio

1927 Martin Luther King Blvd.  
New Orleans, LA. 70113

<https://www.ricracknola.com/>

## Rob Appell Bio

My quilting journey began when I started working in my mother's quilt shop, The Cotton Ball, in Morro Bay, California. My wife was working on her teaching credentials so I needed to pick up some extra hours around the shop. Shortly thereafter, the shop started selling Pfaff sewing machines and I became a certified technician for them. I hadn't done much sewing yet, but I was about to!

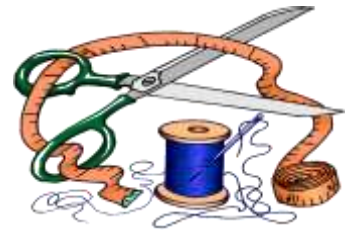
I taught myself to sew by making about 30 aloha shirts—which yielded a fantastic wardrobe and a ton of scraps, mostly batiks and florals. This large fabric stash fed my desire to try free motion machine quilting and those scraps became my very first quilt. It wasn't much to look at, but my second quilt, "The Dolphin Dance," was a hit! It's an easy strip pieced quilt that has now sold hundreds of patterns and countless kits. From then on, I began teaching myself how to quilt using traditional techniques adapted by me on my domestic sewing machine. I soon became known for my quilted seascapes and people started referring to me as "that surfer dude who quilts."

It wasn't long before I began teaching my self-taught quilting techniques in classes at our store and then at four-day quilting retreats. During one of my trips to Houston Quilt Market I made a wisecrack to the president of Free Spirit Fabrics and landed my first job as a fabric designer! Another wisecrack later and I was designing quilts for Michael Miller Fabric's new releases. I was also offered the opportunity to show my quilts at the Marine Art Gallery. The opening was a huge success, and I was able to sell a third of my wall hangings the first weekend and booked a commission quilt that now hangs in our county's most prestigious health club.

This story travels with me as I present my quilts and techniques to guilds across America. I have filmed for Simply Quilts, Uncommon Threads, The Quilt Show, and Missouri Star Quilt Company with Man Sewing for the past four years. Wow, what a great ride! Now I'm traveling and teaching and developing new quilt projects along the way. Life is short, be creative, and have fun!



**APRIL 18-19, 2024  
QUARTERLY MEETING  
WORKSHOPS ROB APPELL**



**April 18, 2024 9:00—3:30  
Bucktown Hall  
310 Ash St. Metairie, LA. 70005  
Splice Magic Technique  
Members \$75.00  
Non-members \$105.00**

A fun exciting class to make this beautiful quilt with the fun energetic Rob Appell, please refer to the YouTube video. A supply list will be sent after registration is complete.

<https://youtu.be/fr7tOv9X9Jo?si=2w7eg59NRrls79-T>

No cancelations for this class, however if you are not able to attend contact me and I will put your name on the waiting list.

**April 19, 2024 9:00—3:30**

**Bucktown Hall  
310 Ash St. Metairie, LA. 70005  
Super 60 Sampler  
Members \$75.00  
Non-members \$105.00**

A fun exciting class to make this beautiful quilt with the fun energetic Rob Appell, please refer to the YouTube video. A supply list will be sent after registration is complete.

<https://youtu.be/9oVXhupuoCE?si=CroP-wzXsnAUcnkV>

No cancelations for this class, however if you are not able to attend contact me and I will put your name on the waiting list.

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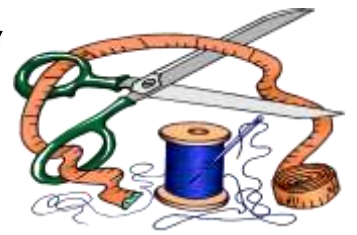
***PAST PRESIDENT REPORT***

**GSQA is seeking volunteers for the nominating committee. The committee will present a slate of officers at the July 2024 GSQA meeting. Officers elected this year are President-elect, Membership Chair and Historian. If you are interested in one of these positions or serving on the nominating committee, please contact Donita Qualey at [dtqualey@aol.com](mailto:dtqualey@aol.com)**



# GSQA 2024 QUILT SHOW

## GULF STATES BEAUTY



### GSQA QUILT SHOW INFORMATION

**Dates:** Friday April 12 and Saturday April 13, 2024

**Location:** Harbor Center, 100 Harbor Blvd, Slidell LA 70461

**Time:** 10am – 5pm each day

**Opportunity Quilt Drawing:** 3:30 pm April 13, 2024 in the Lobby

**Admission fees:**

\$12 - 1 day pass

\$15 - 2 day pass

\$5 - Children between 5 and under 12

**Parking:** The Harbor Center is adding an addition on the west side of the building. That area is now closed to general parking. Carpooling might be a good idea. What’s more fun than a ‘Road Trip’ with quilting friends.

**Lunch:** Two Food trucks will be available from 11 – 2pm on April 12 & 13. They will be located in front of the building near the entrance.

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Time has passed very quickly since I agreed to become GSQA’s 2024 Quilt Show Director. Now this 20<sup>th</sup> Biennial Quilt Show “Gulf Coast Beauty” is just around the corner. I hope you will find it exciting to view over 360 quilt entries; shop in 21 vendor booths; and view the Southern Fiber Artist art quilt titled “MISSISSIPPI”. We may even have another surprise activity for you at the show. I am encouraging you all to come see the beauties in our 2024 GSQA Show.

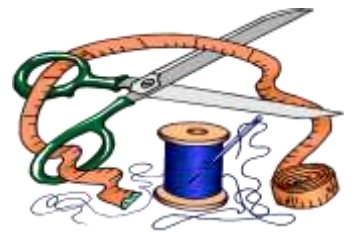
You will notice a few changes to the floor plan this year. In trying to make room for all our beautiful entries some rearrangements had to be made. The demo lecture room was removed to help fit all the quilts. Therefore we will not offer demos and lectures.





## 2024 QUILT SHOW cont.

### GULF STATES BEAUTY



This also means we removed the Charity” sit and sew” area which gave us a start on the next show’s service quilts. In place of ‘sit and sew’ and a special service quilt making committee, I asked our members to donate a quilt to our service project expecting about 50 quilts. Thank You! You blew me and the Board members away with a total donation of 288 quilts. We are able to provide quilts to 5 different organizations.

In the Lobby, check out our **Ways and Means table** where the lovely 2024 Show Pin and many new items will be available. Also there are still a number of **t-shirts** available. If you did a preorder, those shirts can be picked up at the merchandise area in the lobby. We will have some extra shirts but not all colors or styles will be available. In addition there will be a **scissor sharpener** and **quilt appraisals** by Alma Moates available. Finally you will see the return of our **GSQA Members Boutique Market**. If you plan on selling any items in the Boutique, please see this issue of The Quilt Talk or the website for more information.

Be sure to purchase your tickets for our beautiful Opportunity Quilt. Tickets are being sold in the Lobby for \$2 each. The Opportunity Drawing will be Saturday, April 13, at 3:30. Upon admission to the show, you will receive a door prize ticket. Please check your ticket number against the list of posted winning tickets in the lobby. And I encourage you to stop by the Membership Table to join, renew or update your membership.

Oh MY! All this to do and you have not stepped onto the main floor yet. Come view these amazing 360+ quilts made by fellow members and exhibitors. Our judges will have a hard task jurying these beautiful quilts. I cannot wait to see the winners row of quilts. And do not forget to purchase a GSQA shopping bag at the Ways and Means table then fill it up with goodies from our vendors. Looking forward to seeing you there.

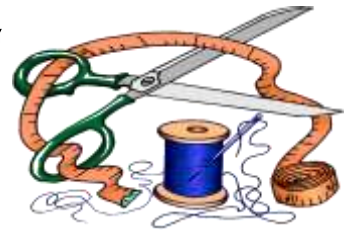
Happing Viewing and Shopping today, Pieceful sewing tomorrow.

Sherry Herringshaw—2024 GSQA Quilt Show Director



# GSQA 2024 QUILT SHOW

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### QUILT SHOW MEMBER BOUTIQUE

The boutique at the 2024 GSQA Quilt Show is available only to current GSQA members. The commission rate is 20% on all sales. Members are responsible for setting prices, tagging each handmade item offered for consignment, attached with a safety pin, and include a brief description and price. Sale prices must be in whole dollar amounts. Please indicate on the entry form if you wish to donate 100% of sales of items to GSQA. Sale items may be turned in at the Rosebud luncheon on April 6, 2024, in Slidell. Members may also mail items to Renee Gubert 5712 Marcie St., Metairie, LA. 70003 [renee0052@att.net](mailto:renee0052@att.net) 504-812-6513. Unsold items can be picked up at the boutique on Saturday after the close of the show. Boutique entry forms can be found [here on the GSQA website](#).

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### VOLUNTEER SIGN UP

Do you have some time before, during, and or after the show to spare? Our 2024 Show Committee needs your help. We need volunteers to help in all aspects of Quilt Show week. We start with the quilt take-in, the Rosebud luncheon, judging then quilt hanging, two show days and finally end with takedown. For the first time signing up to volunteer is EASY. It is now available online at our website. Activity dates and time slots are listed so you only have to select the activity and time slots you are free to help. By volunteering, not only is it a great way to help GSQA, you also can begin many new friendships.

**[Please click this Volunteer link to be a part of our show!](#)**

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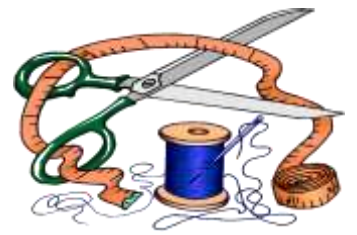
### OPPORTUNITY QUILT RAFFLE

The Opportunity Quilt will be raffled at the upcoming GSQA Quilt Show April 12-13, 2024. You can purchase tickets at the quilt show up until the time of the raffle. We anticipate the raffle for the winner to occur around 4 PM on Saturday, April 13. Winner does not need to be present to win. Good luck!





## GSQA 2024 QUILT SHOW PUBLICITY



Hello members! With less than a month to go I've been very busy contacting regional media of all types about our show April 12-13 in Slidell. But we have another, most important means of promotion: YOU!

Maybe all the people in your guild are not GSQA members. Please be sure they have all the basic information of the show! If you would like, I can email you a copy of our small 8x11 poster to print out and share with them.

You can also REALLY help by printing out the poster and posting it anywhere you think folks who might be interested can see it. Is there a JoAnne fabric near you? They sometimes have community bulletin boards. I've tried to get posters to all the regional quilt shops, but if you're in one and don't see it, ask them about it or let me know.

Maybe you're near a community college or university? Does their art department have a bulletin board? Or your church activities bulletin board? A senior center?

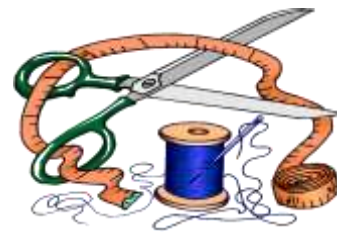
ONE VERY IMPORTANT place you can share is on your social media! Is it too much to ask that you share it now and then again closer to the time of the show?! I am more than happy to send you a link to the hires photo of our Opportunity Quilt to post on your own Instagram, Facebook, X/Twitter, whatever you have.

THANK YOU. Contact me at [judycwalker@gmail.com](mailto:judycwalker@gmail.com) with your promotional ideas or if you want a copy of the photo or poster.

All your help is very much appreciated.



## GSQA 2024 QUILT SHOW VENDOR NEWS



Are you ready to shop at the GSQA Biennial 20th Quilt Show? I am! It's going to be so much fun. A full list of vendors on page 11 in this newsletter.

**A BRIEF RECAP:** Returning vendors include faithfuls like All Stitched Up by Angela, Sew This!, Martelli Enterprises, All About Sewing, The Stitchin' Post, Maendeleo Imports (AKA Basket Mary) and Karen's Quilt Shop.

If you came to the last show in 2022, you may remember Summer's Haven Quilt Shop, Good With Sugar, One Noisy Streetcar and Ms. Sew N Sew's Quilt Shop. They'll be back and this time, Ms. Sew N Sew's will bring COLORED FEATHERWEIGHTS (woohoo!)

After a gap of a few years, the Biloxi shop Peace by Piece returns! In addition to other things, they will sell quilts they have made! Visitors sometimes ask if we have quilts for sale, so the answer is YES. Quilts will also be for sale in our Members' Boutique.

Sort of new this year: Woolmarket Fibers/What's Your Stitch. When the Gulfport shop/former vendor What's Your Stitch was sold, it was folded into Woolmarket Fibers, a Gulfport shop that sells their nationally known Woolmarket and other yarns. They'll bring both yarn and fabric, The new owners are excited about the show!

**NEW THIS YEAR:** Bonnie Beth Bags from Baton Rouge, handbags and more.

Camellia Palms LLC, a quilt retreat on the Alabama/Florida line who loved our last show and wanted to promote their venue.

Mama Mia Quilting Services and Products: longarm quilting and custom T-shirts and other quilts.

Quilting Cushion: Decorative massage cushion.

Your Sewing Friend: Original patterns for bags, containers, and quilts.

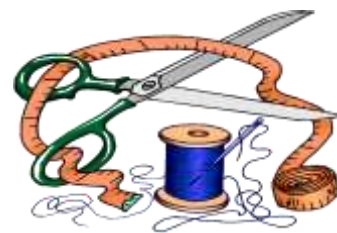
**IN ADDITION:** Alma Moates will be with us again to appraise quilts for all comers. It's an interesting process if you've never done it.

Scissors and knife sharpening: Joe and Denise Taylor will be in the lobby again to sharpen all your scissors and knives. Bring them to the show and they can have them made like new before you leave.

Tell your quilting friends about our vendors! If you have vendor questions, you can email [judycwalker@gmail.com](mailto:judycwalker@gmail.com) or contact me through our Facebook group.



# GSQA 2024 QUILT SHOW VENDOR LIST



All About Sewing, sewing machines & repair, 6861 Jefferson Highway, Harahan, LA  
504-739-9883

All Stitched Up by Angela Quilt Shop, 1514 Gause Blvd., Slidell, LA 985-288-5050

Bonnie Beth Bags, Denham Springs, LA 225-773-1272 [bonnie-beth-bags.myshopify.com](http://bonnie-beth-bags.myshopify.com)

Camellia Palms Retreat Center, 23622 5<sup>th</sup> Ave., Floral, AL, 205-585-0058

Cassity's Nest Quilt Shop, 321 S. Alston St., Foley, AL 251-279-9565

Fat Tuesday Fabrics and Gifts, 401 Sheridan Ave., Monroe, LA, 318-278-7148

Good With Sugar Quilt Shop, Houston, TX. [www.etsy.com/shop/GoodWithSugar](http://www.etsy.com/shop/GoodWithSugar)

Karen's Quilt Shop, Bossier City LA, 844-447-3766 ext. 2

Maendeleo African Imports, Arizona, 253-653-0494 [basketmary.com](http://basketmary.com)

Mama Mia Longarm Quilting, 7 Red Oak Lane, Poplarville, MS 985-640-5024

Martelli Enterprises, 5450 North W. St., Pensacola, FL 32505, 850-433-1414

Mes Amis Scissor Sharpening, 6505 Spanish Ft. Blvd., New Orleans, 504-284-3455

Ms. Sew N' Sew's Quilt Shop, 2118 S. Azalea Dr., Wiggins, MS 601-928-5885

One Noisy Streetcar Patterns and Counting Book, Houston, TX 504-252-5103  
[onenoisystreetcar.com](http://onenoisystreetcar.com)

Peace by Piece Quilt Shop, 1030 Howard Ave., Biloxi, MS 328-207-0425

Sew This! Bernina Dealer & Quilt Shop, 70117 Hwy. 59 Ste. O, Abita Springs, LA 985-  
898-1112

Summer's Haven Quilt Shop, 211 N. 1<sup>st</sup> Street Ste. 102, Amite, LA 985-323-7237

The Quilting Cushion, Hendersonville TN, 901-361-8478 [mymassagepillow.com](http://mymassagepillow.com)

The Stitchin' Post Quilt Shop, 5039 Old Hwy 11, Ste 2, Hattiesburg MS, 601-268-5545

Your Sewing Friend Patterns, 810-239-9148 [yoursewingfriend.com](http://yoursewingfriend.com)

What's Your Stitch/Woolmarket Fibers Yarn & Quilt Shop, 452 Courthouse Rd., Ste C,  
Gulfport MS, 228-216-8339



# The Gulf States Quilting Association

*presents*

## Our 20<sup>th</sup> biennial QUILT SHOW and Opportunity Quilt GULF STATES BEAUTY



*You could win this quilt!*

\$2 raffle tickets at the show

**Harbor Center (just off I-10)**

**Slidell, Louisiana**

**Friday and Saturday, April 12-13, 2024**

**10 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

*Regional show of hundreds of quilts, juried show with prizes for winning quilts:*

Door prizes \* Merchant Mall with dozens of vendors \* Quilters Boutique with handmade items  
Quilts for sale \* Scissors and Knife sharpening \* Food trucks; much more!

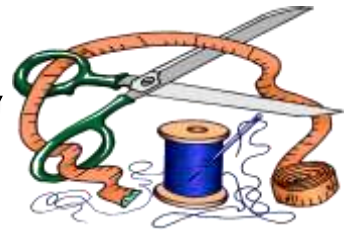
**Admission:**

Adults - \$12 per day or 2-day pass \$15    Children under 12 - \$5

MORE INFORMATION: [gulfstatesquilting.org](http://gulfstatesquilting.org) or email [gulfstatesquiltingassociation@gmail.com](mailto:gulfstatesquiltingassociation@gmail.com)



# JUNE 21-22, 2024 SMOKY MOUNTAIN QUILTERS SHOW CALL FOR QUILTS



## 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Smoky Mountain Quilters Show **Call For Quilts**

**Deadline  
To Enter:  
April 22, 2024**

**Show Dates:**  
Friday, June 21, 2024  
9 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
Sat. June 22, 2024  
9 a.m. – 4 p.m.  
Knoxville Expo Center  
5441 Clinton Hwy  
Knoxville, TN

**More than  
\$6500 in  
Awards**  
14 Categories  
14 Special Awards

**Information &  
Entry Forms**

web  
[smokymtnquilters.com](http://smokymtnquilters.com)  
email  
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