

2021 QUILT BLOCK CONTEST

Theme:

AN EARTHLY A-FAIR

Deadline:

All entries MUST be postmarked by September 28, 2020 (No Exceptions)

Sponsored by:

South Florida Fair and Palm Beach County Quilters' Guild

The Theme for the 2021 South Florida Fair and Palm Beach County Quilters' Guild Block Contest is "AN EARTHLY A-FAIR".

Cash prizes:

First place: \$125

Second place: \$75

Third place: \$50

Approximately 19 winners will have their blocks incorporated into the "AN EARTHLY A-FAIR" Quilt. All winners will receive a pair of Fair tickets and a \$10.00 "Quilt a Bit" Gift Card, or comparable prize of the Committee's choosing.

This is the 36th year for the Contest, where the Palm Beach County Quilters' Guild members design a quilt top with the winning blocks, which is then quilted and displayed at the PBCQG booth located in Building 3 during the South Florida Fair, January 15 -31, 2021. Previous contest quilts are displayed during the Fair and are available upon request for display at quilt shows and museums throughout the country.

RULES & ELIGIBILITY

1. The contest is open to anyone. Employees of the South Florida Fair and their immediate families are not eligible for cash prizes.
2. Blocks made by more than one person will not be accepted for judging. The quilt block must conform to the contest theme, "AN EARTHLY A-FAIR." You may design your own block or make a traditional block recognizable to the theme, including anything that is recognized as pertaining to "AN EARTHLY A-FAIR."
3. The completed block must measure 13 inches square or larger. It will be sewn to a finished size 12 inches square in the quilt. Be sure to confine your design within the finished 12-inch square. The extra inch allows for design choices, and for seaming and alignment of blocks.
4. Any technique (patchwork, appliqué—hand or machine, etc.) is acceptable as long as it is attached so it will not come off and will lay flat for the finish quilting and can be quilted.
5. Embellishments or threadwork must be securely attached and not distort the block, so the block will lay flat.
6. Fabrics must be woven, pre-washed, 100 percent cotton.
7. Do NOT quilt your block.
8. Do NOT finish the edge of your block by hemming, zigzagging or bordering.
9. You can enter more than one block, but only one block per person can win and be included in the quilt.

HOW TO ENTER

1. Complete the official entry form (also available online at: www.palmbeachquilters.org, your local Quilt shops or by sending a self-addressed, stamped legal-sized envelope to:

Palm Beach County Quilters' Guild
Attn: Fair Block Contest
P.O. Box 18276,
West Palm Beach, FL 33416

2. Safety pin the completed entry form to the back of the block. DO NOT sign your name on the front of the block.

3. Mail the completed quilt block and entry form to:

2021 SOUTH FLORIDA FAIR QUILT BLOCK CONTEST
ATTN: Lorie Stinson, Exhibits and Special Events Manager
P.O. Box 210367
WEST PALM BEACH, FL 33421

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CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

1. All winning quilt blocks become the property of the SOUTH FLORIDA FAIR and PALM BEACH COUNTY QUILTERS' GUILD.
2. The SOUTH FLORIDA FAIR and PALM BEACH COUNTY QUILTERS' GUILD is not responsible for lost, late or misdirected mail.
3. Illegible, incomplete or damaged entry blanks or quilt blocks will be disqualified.
4. Quilt blocks that are too small will not be accepted.

JUDGING

All quilt blocks will be judged by qualified quilt judges, selected by PALM BEACH COUNTY QUILTERS' GUILD.

NOTIFICATION OF WINNERS

Winners will be selected and notified by mail along with a judge's critique. Non-winning blocks will be returned, if requested.

ENTRY FORM

Form may be photocopied or more can be requested from Palm Beach County Quilters' Guild, P.O. Box 18276, West Palm Beach FL 33416 or visit www.palmbeachquilters.org

By entry into the contest, I hereby agree that my name, address, and photograph of my quilt block may be used for advertising and publicity purposes in relation to these or similar promotions. I also understand that my quilt block, should it be selected a winner, becomes the sole property of The SOUTH FLORIDA FAIR and PALM BEACH COUNTY QUILTERS' GUILD.

NAME:

ADDRESS:

CITY/STATE/ZIP CODE:

PHONE:

E-MAIL ADDRESS:

SIGNATURE:

DATE:

____ Yes, I wish to donate my non-winning block to the Palm Beach County Quilters' Guild to be used in a Community Outreach Guild project.