



## 2017 SUGAR Conference Quilt Competition

*SUGAR's purpose in hosting a quilt competition includes promoting and encouraging Statler® owners to share their art of quilting, to present examples of excellence in digital design usage and creativity, and to promote the education and awareness of computerized machine quilting in the community.*

### Rules & Conditions:

Please read the following general rules carefully as well as the specific quilt category descriptions. It is your responsibility to read and understand the rules. If you have questions please contact Quilt Show Coordinator, Debbie Breer, at [debbie@sugarconference.com](mailto:debbie@sugarconference.com). Please help us prevent entry disqualifications.

1. Quilts must be entered online by May 1, 2017.
2. All entrants must be current SUGAR members.
3. Quilts must have been completed after July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015.
4. Any quilt previously entered at a SUGAR Conference is excluded from entry.
5. You may enter all applicable categories but only one quilt can be entered per category.
6. The quilt may be pieced by someone other than the entrant/quilter. You must identify the piecer.
7. In the Junior category, a mentor may sponsor up to 5 juniors.
8. You must enter each quilt individually. The online entry system will prompt you to enter additional quilts before completing your registration so you can enter in the specific information for each quilt separately. All of your quilts will show up on your registration summary. You may also log back in any time before the May 1, 2017 deadline and enter additional quilts.
9. Print a copy of each of your quilt registration summary for your records.
10. Quilt entry fees of \$20.00 per quilt are non-refundable (this includes the \$5/quilt mandatory insurance).
11. Quilts may include up to 20% hand-guided quilting in any category, with the exception of the Challenge quilts.
12. Due to hanging restraints, quilt measurements must not exceed 96 inches in length, or 96 inches in width.
13. All entries must consist of a top, batting, backing, and binding. No false backs allowed.
14. Each quilt must have a label. The label must contain the following information. This information must match the entry form:
  - a. Quilt name
  - b. Entrant's name
  - c. ONE LABEL PER QUILT on a lower corner.
  - d. Please remove other labels.

15. No personal name or business name may be quilted into the quilt. Excluding memory quilts.
16. Each quilt must have a 4 inch hanging sleeve across the top back of quilt. It must be secured at the top and the bottom of the sleeve. Miniature quilts may use a 2 inch sleeve. No sewn-in rods, hanging tabs, or corners will be accepted.
17. Quilts delivered without the proper sleeve will not be hung for the show. Any irregular shaped quilt must have a hanging sleeve sewn near the top to the quilt to permit hanging in the proper orientation.
18. Quilts with multiple panels must not exceed the maximum perimeter given for the category.
19. In the Junior category, **the quilt is entered under the mentor's name**, not the Junior.
20. The decision of the Judge, the quilt show coordinator, and the judging team is FINAL.
21. Shipping companies do not pay claims for damaged or lost quilts without certified appraisals. Consider having your quilt appraised before shipping or carry insurance of your own.
22. To keep the competition fair, we reserve the right to reduce the number of awarded ribbons.
23. All quilts must be free of smells (including smoke), pet hair, sharp objects or items that might transfer or contaminate other quilts. All quilts must be able to be stacked or rolled with other quilts, (excluding art quilts). Objects that may harm other quilts may lead to disqualification and your quilt will be sent home without hanging.
24. Ship or drop off your quilt in a clear or transparent sealed bag.
  - a. Identify your shipping bag clearly with your name, address and phone number.
  - b. The quilt label must be visible thru the bag. No black bags, pillowcases or fabric bags please.
  - c. Bags may not be returned.
  - d. All costs of return shipping and insurance are the responsibility of the entrant. Please include a prepaid shipping label.
  - e. Use sturdy boxes for shipping as your quilt will be returned in the same box.
  - f. Do not use Styrofoam pellets or cellulose packing products.
25. The categories of "Junior Quilter," "Group Quilt," and "I Did It My Way Block Challenge" **require** a written story of 250 words or less.
26. The SUGAR quilt show committee reserves the right to correct misspelled words made on the entry form by the Entrant.



## SUGAR CONFERENCE 2017 QUILT SHOW FAQs

### Mark Your Calendars Now With These Important Dates:

- Online quilt entry is open Aug. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016 - May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017.
- Quilts will be received May 13<sup>th</sup> - June 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Kansas City Area Quilt Drop-Off will be from 2-7 p.m. Sat., June 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Quilt Pick-Up will be from 5-6 p.m. Sat., June 24<sup>th</sup> at the KCI-Expo Center.
- No early pick-ups! Please make arrangements and plan accordingly.

**What is the deadline for quilts to be received?** SUGAR will accept quilts between **May 13<sup>th</sup> and June 3<sup>rd</sup>**. Shipped quilts can be received at the following address: Debbie Breer, 5408 S. Holmes Rd., Assaria, Kansas 67416, (785) 819-2642. Any box received after June 3, 2017 will not be accepted and will be held for pick-up at the conference or mailed back to you at your expense.

**Is there a drop-off location if I don't want to ship my quilt?** Yes, there will be quilt drop-off location in the Kansas City area on Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> between the hours of 2 pm and 7 pm. Quilts may be dropped off at the following location: To be announced later.

**When will I receive notification that my quilt has arrived at SUGAR?** You will receive a confirmation via email when your quilt(s) arrives. The name and address for sending quilts is: Debbie Breer, 5408 S. Holmes Rd., Assaria, Kansas 67416, (785) 819-2642.

**What is the \$5 insurance fee for?** SUGAR will insure quilts up to \$500 for the mandatory fee of \$5. It is highly recommended that quilts over \$500 in value be appraised and the owner obtain appropriate insurance to insure the quilt while in transit and at the SUGAR Conference. Quilts appraised value over \$500 are the owner's responsibility to insure.

**How do I insure my quilts during shipping?** Most shipping companies offer insurance options such as \$1 for every \$100 of the quilt value. It is highly recommended that the owner pay for shipping insurance through the chosen carrier to ensure that the quilts are covered while in transit both directions.

**How do I make a 4" hanging sleeve?** There are excellent sites on the Internet that have pictures and step-by-step instructions. There are even some great tutorials on YouTube.

**What information do I need to include on my quilt label?** Each quilt must have a label (sewn on by hand or machine) on the bottom of the backing. Your label should include the title of the quilt, as well as the piecer and quilter names, and the date of completion. If you have a dedication or other personal information you want on the quilt, feel free to put it on your label. The name of the quilt and the name of the entrant must match your registration.

**If I have already registered a quilt for the show and then can't attend, can I get a refund?** No, there will be no refunds.

**Does all stitching have to be done with a Statler® and use digital designs?** No. We will accept quilts in all the categories that have up to 20% non-computerized quilting. Additionally, the piecing and binding can be done on a smaller home machine.

**Are there prizes or awards given in the SUGAR Conference Quilt Competition?** There are no cash prizes given for awards except the Best of Show award, which is a \$500 check, but there will be ribbons given for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and/or 3<sup>rd</sup>

places in all categories. There will be the following individual ribbons awarded: Viewers' Choice, Judge's Choice, and Best of Show. The ribbons will be placed by the SUGAR Quilt Committee when judging is completed.

**Can I sell my quilt(s) at the SUGAR Conference?** At this time, there is no option to offer your quilt(s) for sale. If the opportunity becomes available, the entrants will be notified by e-mail.

**Do I need any design permission?** If your quilt is a completely original design, not based on anyone else's pattern, photograph, or artwork, you do not need any permission before displaying your quilt at SUGAR. However, if your quilt is based on any of the above and this is visible and identifiable in your work, even if it is not identical, you DO need to seek permission before publicly displaying your quilt at SUGAR.

**How do I seek such permission?** It is relatively easy to inquire about using someone else's work. A simple e-mail or short letter is all that is needed. Contact information is usually available through the book, magazine, or pattern company and may even be printed in the source itself. Often designers, photographers, and artists have their own website with contact information posted. Tell the artist / designer that you would like to (or have already made a quilt) from their pattern / artwork and ask their permission to enter and display it in the show, and to publish photographs with proper credit. Retain the permission for your own file. This does not need to be turned into SUGAR committee.

**Do I need to list the digital pattern names and designers when my quilting uses the majority of their work?** Yes, you must give credit to the pattern designers, but you do not have to put the name(s) of their patterns. Please include this credit in your 250-word "story of your quilt" when you enter your quilt online. The registration system will remind you to include this information.

**This is my first entry in a quilt show. Will I be judged against the professionals?** No, not if you enter your quilt in the "New Kid on the Block" category. If you choose to enter additional quilts into different categories you will be judged against the professionals in those categories.

**What about the Juniors – will they be judged against the professionals?** No, they will be judged against the other juniors in the Juniors category. If they choose to enter additional quilts into different categories they will be judged against the professionals in those categories. Juniors must be 17 or under as of June 1, 2017 to qualify for the Juniors category.

**Why do I have to write something about my quilt and who will see it?** Viewers are always interested in knowing something about the quilt and/or quilter. It gives a little peek into the "heart" of the quilt and adds validity to work. The information you provide will hang on or near your quilt during the show.

**For further clarification please contact Debbie Breer, Quilt Show Coordinator, at (785) 819-2642 or [debbie@sugarconference.com](mailto:debbie@sugarconference.com).**



## 2017 SUGAR Conference Quilt Competition Categories

We invite Statler® longarm quilters to enter their digitally-created quilts in the 2017 SUGAR Conference Quilt Competition. Quilts may include up to 20% hand-guided quilting in any category, with the exception of the Challenge. Please refer to the *Quilt Challenge Requirements* PDF for instructions on the “I Did It My Way” Challenge.

**Appliqué:** A functional bed quilt that is predominantly appliquéd. It can be pieced or wholecloth. Every side must be no less than 40” and no more than 96”.

**Art Quilt:** Piecing and quilting must be of original form and composition. This category highlights any art quilt including whimsical, digital, pictorial, landscapes, portraits or figures. The use of specialty threads, embellishments, paint, beading, trims, embroidery, or appliqué is allowed. Every side must be no less than 40” and no more than 96”.

**Bread & Butter:** Show us what you do for your customers’ quilts which are intended for daily use. Intricate custom quilting will be disqualified in this category. This category is for a quilt designed for easy in and out for the customer in a hurry. This category is for allover/pantograph/E2E only. Entry must be clearly seen as a useable bed quilt. Every side must be no less than 40” and no more than 96”.

**Group Quilt:** Any quilt that three or more people work on in the construction or finishing in any way, including the quilting. The submitting entrant must have worked on the quilt. Quilts must be a true team effort between a group of piecers and quilters and not a business arrangement. This includes guild/community group quilts, charity, round robin, family quilts, and memory quilts. Remember to tell us the story behind the making of your quilt on the entry form as this will be read to the judge and posted with the quilt. One ribbon will be awarded to the group. Every side must be no less than 40” and no more than 96”.

**Junior Quilter:** Young quilters are the future of our craft, and we are excited to see their creativity. Junior quilters must be 17 years of age or younger as of June 1, 2017. Quilts may be pieced and bound by another, but must be quilted by the junior quilter with the help and guidance of a mentor. The use of specialty threads, embellishments, paint, beading, trims, embroidery, or appliqué is allowed. Quilt must be entered under the name of the mentor, but will be exhibited with the junior’s name first. May also contain up to 20% freehand. Remember to tell us your story on the entry form as this will be read to the judge and posted on the quilt. Two ribbons will be awarded in this category: Junior and Mentor. Every side must be no less than 40” and no more than 96”.

**Just For Me:** For those that quilt just for themselves and do not quilt or produce quilts professionally. Any type of quilt may be entered, but ALL work must be done exclusively by one person, the entrant. Every side must be no less than 40” and no more than 96”.

**Modern:** Machine quilting has come a long way baby! Celebrating machine quilting that emphasizes and compliments modern style quilts. Common features of modern quilting include bold piecing utilizing bold fabrics, high contrast and graphic areas, improvisational piecing, minimalism, expansive negative space, and alternative grid work. Machine quilting enhances the graphic nature of the quilt top with quilting designs used in different and unexpected ways. Every side must be no less than 40” and no more than 96”.

**New Kid on the Block:** So, you just finished your quilt but don't feel you are ready to compete with the pros? This is for you! This category is limited to those that have never shown a quilt on a national level before. Those that have previously entered a SUGAR Quilt Show are ineligible for this category. Note: You may also enter additional quilts in any other category. Every side must be no less than 40" and no more than 96".

**Pieced:** A functional bed quilt that is pieced using traditional blocks and traditional style patterns. Limited appliqué (up to 20%) is allowed. Every side must be no less than 40" and no more than 96".

**Traditional Miniature:** Any quilt, measuring no more than 24 inches (61 cm) on any side. Piecing and quilting that reflects proportionately reduced scale and miniaturization. If using blocks, they should be no more than 4 inches square. Whole cloth must be one piece of fabric.

**Wall Hanging:** This is any quilt that is intended to be displayed on a wall, and not a bed quilt. Embellishment such as embroidery, appliqué, beading, thread play, buttons and other are allowed. All embellishments must be securely attached. Every side must be no less than 40" and no more than 96".

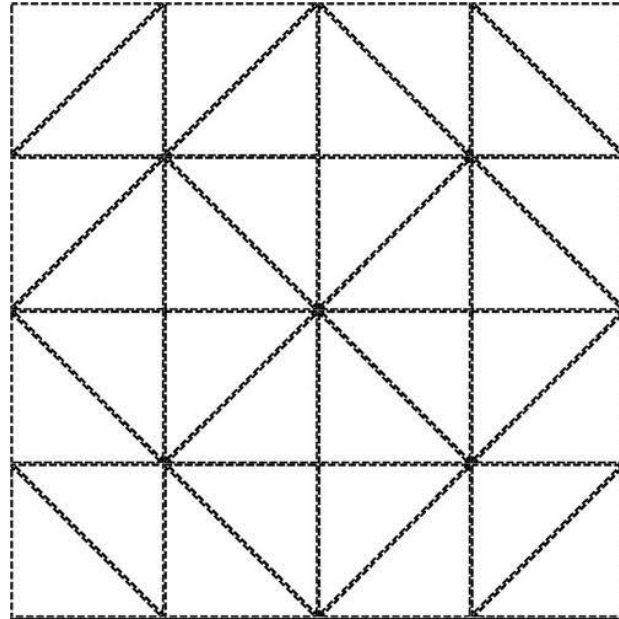
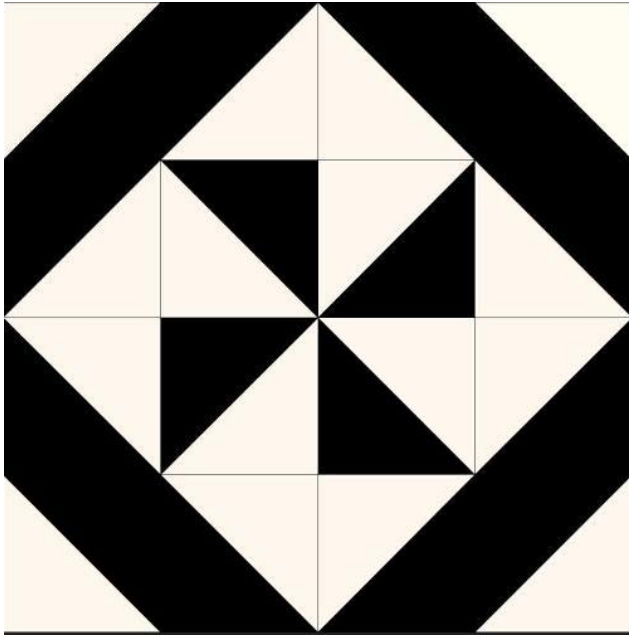
**Wholecloth:** Entire top must be the same fabric of not more than three pieces pieced to make an entire top. No purchased wholecloth digital design sets are allowed. The quilting is the focal point. May also include subtle embellishments. Every side must be no less than 40" and no more than 96".

# 2017 SUGAR Conference Quilt Challenge

## “I Did It My Way”

### Requirements:

- You may enter only one quilt in this challenge.
- You must include a minimum of 4 of the required pieced blocks in your quilt identical to the one below.



- The 4 required blocks may be any size but must be visible on the front of the quilt.
- You may include any other blocks or designs in your quilt. Such as: The entire quilt can be just blocks, or other pieced blocks and fabric combined to make your quilt.
- *NO FREEHAND* will be allowed in this category!! Use only digitized designs.
- Sizes:
  - No side may exceed over 70 inches.
  - Overall size may not exceed 280 inches.
  - Any size under that is acceptable.
- You may use as many colors and fabric combinations as you would like. Borders, sashing, and other block patterns may be used to enhance your overall quilt.
- No embellishments, paint, beading, trims, embroidery, or applique will be allowed. Only fabric and quilting.
- Quilt must consist of quilt top, batting of any kind, and a back. No false backs allowed.
- Each quilt must include binding and a sleeve to hang per show requirements.
- The quilt may be pieced by someone else but all of the quilting **MUST** be done by the person who enters the quilt.
- Use your imagination on this challenge!! Use of quilt show theme will play a big part in judging. You will be judged on your combination of color, use of digitized patterns, and your creativity.