



CULTURE CENTER

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Charleston, West Virginia 25305
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THE WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM 2026 QUILTS AND WALL HANGINGS JURIED EXHIBITION

May 23 - September 12 on view in the Culture Center Great Hall

Show opens May 22, 2026 in the Culture Center Great Hall

EXHIBIT SCHEDULE

*Please note that exact run dates are subject to change due to anticipated critical building maintenance.

March 23 - April 24, 2026

QUILT DELIVERIES | Entries mailed to the Culture Center should arrive between March 23 and April 24. Please ensure your mailed entries arrive by April 24. Quilts may be hand delivered to the Culture Center loading dock during these dates, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Staff will **only** accept deliveries at those times, unless other arrangements are made. If Saturday delivery is necessary, please make arrangements with the Exhibits Coordinator at least one week prior to the Saturday you wish to deliver.

April 27 - 28, 2026

JURYING | All entrants will be notified of jurying results by mail and email.

May 22, 2026

AWARDS CEREMONY | 6 p.m. in the Culture Center Theater

June 15, 2026

UNACCEPTED RETURNS | Quilts and wall hangings not accepted for the juried exhibition may be picked up at the Culture Center loading dock between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. beginning on this date. If quilts were mailed, they will be returned by the same method no later than July 16.

September 29, 2026

POST EXHIBIT RETURNS | Quilts and wall hangings accepted for the show may be picked up between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. at the Culture Center loading dock beginning on this date. If quilts were mailed, they will be returned by the same method no later than October 31.

For more information about the exhibit, please contact Exhibits Coordinator, Sidney Duncan, at Sidney.L.Duncan@wv.gov or call (304) 414-1761. Email contact preferred.



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ELIGIBILITY

This exhibition is open to West Virginia residents ONLY.

GENERAL GUIDELINES

- Special consideration will be given to hand-quilted entries.
- Quilts/wall hangings must have three layers.
- Quilts/wall hangings must meet size measurements.
- Quilts are required to be a minimum of 55" wide.

Wall hangings:

- must be measure 48" or smaller in length and width.
- Wall hangings must be a single unit.
- Wall hangings may not be framed with wood, metal or other frames.

NOTE: Kits are not eligible for prize awards

Quilts NOT eligible for the exhibition include:

- Quilts shown previously in a department juried quilt exhibition.
- Quilts decorated with liquid embroidery.
- Quilts using cross stitch or appliqué on preprinted backgrounds.
- Damaged or soiled quilts. Any damage or soiling discovered during jurying will result in disqualification

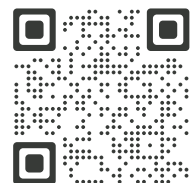
ENTRY

- Each entrant may submit ONE quilt and ONE wall hanging of their choosing. Any entries submitted that do not follow these guidelines will not be judged.
- An official entry label (included with prospectus) MUST be basted or secured well with safety pins on the back of the quilt or wall hanging.
- This label identifies the entry and assists in the jurying, photography, and documentation process. Please be sure to complete the form in its entirety.
- To prepare entries for exhibition, all quilters must follow the hanging sleeve diagram provided on the back of the enclosed entry label. Ensure the sleeve is securely attached for hanging.
- Entries submitted without a hanging sleeve will NOT be judged and will be returned. The Department of Tourism is not responsible for providing hanging sleeves/materials.
- Entries may be hand delivered OR shipped to the Culture Center.
- It is highly recommended to send quilts via UPS or FedEx for most accurate delivery.

ENTRY FEE

A non-refundable entry fee of \$20 PER quilt or wall hanging, made payable to the West Virginia Department of Tourism, must be submitted with each completed entry label. Please do not send cash through the mail with your entries. Scan below or [click here](#) for online payment options. Please note, you will still be required to fill out an entry form for each of your quilts and affix them to the backing.

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PUBLICITY & PUBLICATION

The West Virginia Department of Tourism reserves the right to photograph all accepted work for archival and publication purposes unless otherwise agreed upon in the Loan Agreement. Artists will be credited for their work in any case of said reproduction or distribution.

JURYING

The West Virginia Department of Tourism is proud to host certified NACQJ judges as jurors for this time-honored quilt exhibition. All judges are non-residents of West Virginia.

Some of the criteria the jurors use include:

- Quality of craftsmanship (i.e., neat, consistent stitches)
- Piecing without puckers
- Straight edges and borders
- Neat appliqué stitches with edges turned under
- Square corners
- Overall appearance of color and design
- Special consideration for hand-quilted entries

SHIPPING

Entrants who ship their quilts and wall hangings are encouraged to use a heavy corrugated box and enclose the pieces in sealed plastic bags. Use reinforced strapping tape to close the box and clearly address the insured package to the address below. Please copy the address exactly, as an incorrect address may delay the delivery of the entry significantly.

West Virginia Department of Tourism

Attn: Sidney Duncan | Juried Quilt Show
West Virginia State Museum
1900 Kanawha Boulevard East, Building 9
Charleston, WV 25305-0300

Quilts will be returned via FedEx. Please include a street address and phone number for return shipping, as is required by FedEx, shipping to PO Boxes is not available. The department will pay for insurance and return shipping costs.



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INSURANCE

- The West Virginia Department of Tourism will insure works accepted for the exhibition. The inclusive dates of coverage are from the time of receipt through the final pick up or shipping date. Works will be insured for no more than \$10,000. Works accepted for the exhibition that are unstable or that may not hold up under the rigors of public presentation may require a Waiver of Insurance. Any claim for damaged work must be made in writing to the West Virginia Department of Tourism within two weeks of receiving damaged work.

NOTE: All quilts are required to have an insurance value noted on entry form regardless of sale status.

- The department is NOT responsible for non-colorfast or vintage materials or materials that have not been prewashed. Claims for related issues will NOT be covered.

AWARDS

Quilts Categories: Pieced | Appliquéd | *Mixed/Other

First Place | \$750

Second Place | \$400

Third Place | \$300

***This category is for quilts featuring a noticeable amount of more than one technique or a specialty technique such as whole cloth, stenciling, shadow appliqué or embroidery.**

Wall Hangings:

First Place | \$400

Second Place | \$300

Third Place | \$200

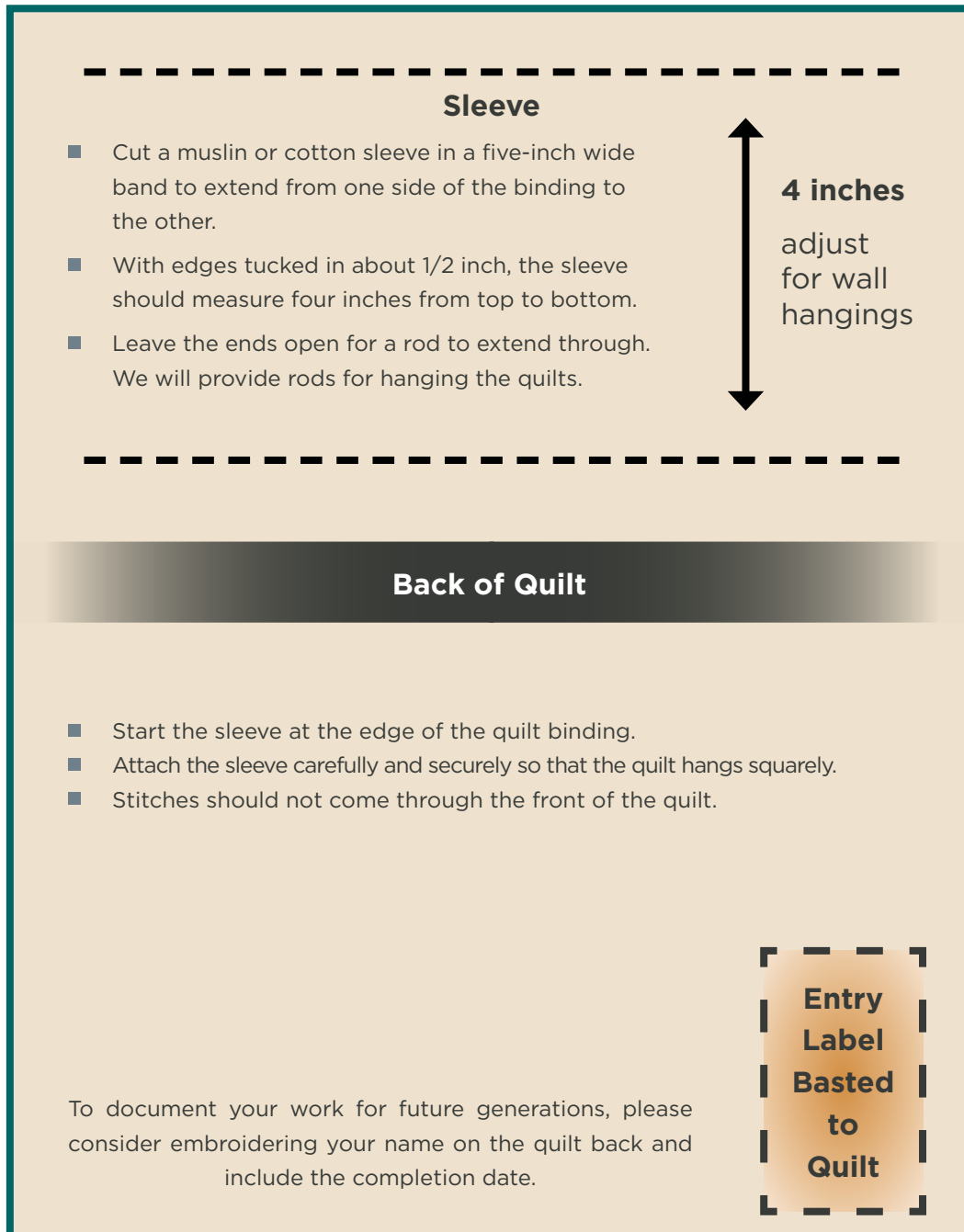
Winners in all categories receive ribbons. Non-monetary Honorable Mention awards may be given at the juror's discretion. The juror may award a Best of Show prize of \$100. The West Virginia Department of Tourism will provide a Purchase Award and add the purchased quilt to the West Virginia State Museum collection. Maximum Purchase Award amount is \$1,000.00.



DIAGRAM FOR PREPARING QUILT FOR HANGING IN THE EXHIBITION

Each quilt or wall hanging MUST have a SLEEVE FOR HANGING attached to the top end of the back side of the quilt, following this diagram. Attach one ENTRY LABEL (see reverse) to the back of the quilt with basting stitches in the LOWER RIGHT CORNER and enclose the other label in the box if shipped or bring it with you if you deliver.

Top of Quilt



OFFICIAL ENTRY LABELS

(PLEASE FILL OUT COMPLETELY)

BASTE THIS LABEL TO THE BACK OF YOUR QUILT.

I certify that I have read the 2026 Quilts and Wall Hangings application and agree to the terms stated by entering my quilt.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

County: _____ Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Would you like to be notified of upcoming events?

Yes No

Name of quilt pattern: _____

Pieced Appliqué Mixed/Other Wall Hanging

Original Pattern: Yes No

(If not made by applicant)

Name of Quiltmaker: _____

Hand Quilted: Yes No

Amateur Quilter Long arm quilting professional

Name(s) _____

Quilt Size: Length (inches) _____ X Width (inches) _____

Is this quilt for sale? Yes No

Wholesale Price: \$ _____ 30% \$ _____ Retail \$ _____

Insurance Value: \$ _____

My Quilt is not for sale except to the West Virginia State Museum collection. \$ _____ (price)

Please Check one: Mailed Delivered

(Staff will complete) Entry # _____

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