

To all Wisconsin Quilt Guilds -

The Wisconsin State Fair Theme for 2019 is "Sowing Creativity", and we hope you are inspired to participate. We have five big changes to share with you.

#1 – NEW FOR 2019 - Judging happens earlier this year, so mark your calendar!

Quilt-topia & Sowing Creativity – Harvesting Quilts Judging is June 20, 2019

Quilt Competition Entry Deadline June 12, 2019,

Quilt Competition Judging is July 8, 2019

#2 – NEW FOR 2019 - We have updated our quilt competition rules and redefined the classes. The changes recognize the skills of exhibitors quilting with stationary machines versus movable machines versus quilts finished by other people/services.

#3 – NEW FOR 2019 - We have new Youth classes; "Me and My Mentor" and "All By Myself". Separating the youth classes into two groups allows us to reward our young exhibitors equitably. And we hope to encourage young people to become more involved with sewing and quilting.

#4 – NEW FOR 2019 - Special Competition – "Sowing Creativity – Harvesting Quilts". We added a few extra guidelines to encourage creativity using surface design and embellishments. The winning quilt will be prominently displayed during the Wisconsin State Fair. Entry deadline (June 12) and judging (June 20) is the same as the Quilt-topia Barn Quilt competition.

#5 – NEW FOR 2019 – A quilt guild competition based on the number of quilts entered and the number of youth being mentored by your guild members. The entry form was slightly modified so an exhibitor can identify the quilt guild they belong to. Youth exhibitors that worked with a mentor to finish their quilt must provide the mentor's name (one name per quilt) and the mentor's guild. The guild names and mentor names will earn points - a guild gets ONE point for every quilt entered by their members and TWO points for every quilt entered by a mentored youth.

Please share this information with your members so they can begin their projects. Feel free to copy this and put it into your guild's newsletter too!

Complete details will be available on the Wisconsin State Fair website soon (www.wistatefair.com). If you have any questions about the details before the info is posted to the website, please feel free to contact me directly, via email Patricia.Barry@WiStateFair.com or call Jill at 414-777-0580.

Don't forget that the judging is open to the public, so we hope to see you there!!