Medallion Quilt – Special Category for 2028

Category Overview

A Medallion Quilt features a central motif or block surrounded by multiple borders, creating a structured, layered design. This category celebrates the artistry of designing and constructing a quilt with a strong focal point and progressive border elements.

Eligibility

Open to individuals and collaborations of 2 or more makers.

Quilts must be the maker's own work or a collaborative effort, with proper credit given to the design source and all makers if more than one maker is involved.

Quilts may be hand or machine pieced, appliquéd or embroidered, or any combination of techniques.

Quilts must be no larger than 260 cm x 260 cm and no smaller than 120 cm x 120 cm

The Quilt must be 3 layers.

Individual entrants are eligible to enter for the Best Traditional or Best Contemporary Awards.

Individual members may enter the Special Category with a quilt quilted by another member, subject to the same conditions as Categories 5 and 10. If there are insufficient entries to form a "quilted by another" sub-category in Category 22, the relevant entries will be moved to Category 5 or 10 (as applicable).

If there are insufficient entries to form a "collaborative" sub-category in Category 22, the relevant entries will be moved to Category 18 or 19 (as applicable).

Design Requirements

The quilt must have a recognisable central motif (e.g., a single block, appliqué design, embroidered design, or panel).

Surrounded by a minimum of four (4) borders, the borders should build upon the central theme, two (2) of the borders must use piecing, appliqué, embroidery, other techniques or any combination of these.

Borders should demonstrate progression and intentional design, rather than being an afterthought.

While traditional Medallion structures are encouraged, contemporary/modern interpretations are welcome.

Quilting & Finishing

Hand quilting, machine quilting, and mixed techniques are accepted.

Embellishments (e.g., beads, embroidery, or specialty threads) are allowed but should be securely attached.

Quilt edges must be finished (e.g., bound or faced).