



ENTRY GUIDELINES

RULES FOR ALL ENTRIES:

1. **To enter, submit completed entry form (photocopies accepted), a non-refundable entry fee of \$10.00 for your first 2017 entry and \$5 per subsequent entries, along with appropriate photographs. *Incomplete entries may not be processed.***
2. There is no entry fee for the “under 18” or “80 and older” category. Maximum 2 entries/contestant in these categories, may be reduced, depending upon number of entries received.
3. “80 and older” may also enter their quilt in general competition. In this case, the entry fee does apply.
4. Entry forms must be postmarked by February 14, 2017.
5. Entries in previous Best of the Valley show competition, including BOTV challenge quilts, are ineligible.
6. Entries must have been completed within the past 36 months.
7. There is a maximum of two (2) entries per size category, with the exception of the Mini category. Entrants may submit up to four (4) Mini Quilts. Entrants who submit both individual and group quilts will be limited to two quilts per size category, with the exception of Mini quilts.
8. Quilts must consist of three layers and be quilted. Specialty quilts, such as Cathedral Windows, Crazy Quilts, and Wool Felt Appliqué will be considered for invitational display. Contact Chairman for more information.
9. Quilts with sharp or easily breakable embellishments cannot be accepted for judging. No stretcher bars. See item 8, regarding invitational display.
10. **All entries must be finished to be considered. Do NOT submit photos of work in progress.**
11. Best of the Valley will determine judging categories.
12. This is a juried and invitational show. Submission of entry does not guarantee acceptance.
13. If accepted, quilts must be completed, clean, odor-free and ready to display. **Be sure to remove pet hair!**
14. Quilts must be labeled on the back with name of quilt, owner, and contact information.
15. All decisions of the Jury and Judges will be final.

ADDITIONAL RULES FOR QUILT ENTRIES:

1. Submit 2 good quality color photographs, **4 x 6 inches, on photo quality paper.** One must show the entire quilt, including binding, the other should be a focused close-up of at least 12” of the quilt, showing detail of piecework, and/or applique and quilting stitches. **On the back of the photo, indicate the top, quilt size (W x L), entrant’s name and quilt title.**
2. Quilts should have a fabric label stitched to the back with your name for identification purposes.
3. All quilts over 40” wide must have a 4” wide hanging sleeve. Large machine-embroidered quilts, heavy quilts, and quilts wider than 80” MUST have a split sleeve. *Quilts under 40” may have a 2” wide sleeve.*

RULES FOR CLOTH DOLLS:

To enter, submit completed entry form and one color photograph. **There is no entry fee for dolls.**

Submit entries to:

**Suzanne Kistler
347 E. La Vida Ave.
Visalia, CA 93277**

CHECKLIST: Have you included everything?

- _____ Completed entry form for each entry
- _____ Check covering \$10 for first entry, \$5 for subsequent entries, made out to “Best of the Valley” (2 quilts = \$15 check, 3 quilts = \$20, etc.) No entry fee for under 18 or 80+ (see rule 3)
- _____ 2 good quality photos for each quilt entry

For questions, call Suzanne Kistler (559) 625-5430