

# BEST OF THE VALLEY

*A regional show of quilts and cloth dolls*

26<sup>th</sup> Quilt Show – April 14-15, 2023



## RULES FOR ALL ENTRIES:

1. To enter, submit **completed** entry form (photocopies accepted), a non-refundable entry fee of \$15.00 for each entry, and appropriate photographs. There is no limit to number of entries.
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(s) in general competition. In this case, the entry fee will apply.
4. Entry forms must be **RECEIVED BY** February 14, 2023. (No exceptions!)
5. Entries shown 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. Quilts must consist of three layers and be quilted, with the exception of specialty quilts, such as Cathedral Windows, Wool Quilts or Crazy Quilts.
8. Quilts with sharp or easily breakable embellishments cannot be accepted for judging. No stretcher bars. Contact Suzanne Kistler regarding possible invitational display.
9. **All entries must be finished to be considered. Do NOT submit photos of work in progress.**
10. Quilts must have a **fabric label** on the back with name of quilt, owner, and contact information.
11. All quilts over 40” wide must have a 4” wide **hanging sleeve**. Heavy quilts, and quilts wider than 80” **MUST** have a split sleeve. Quilts under 40” may have a 3” wide sleeve.
12. Best of the Valley will determine judging categories.
13. This is a juried and invitational show. Submission of entry does not guarantee acceptance.
14. If accepted, quilts must be completed, clean, odor-free and ready to display. **Be sure to remove pet hair!**
15. All decisions of the Jury and Judges will be final.

## ADDITIONAL RULE FOR QUILT ENTRIES:

Submit **2 good quality color photographs, 4 x 6 inches, printed on photo 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 clear detail of piecework, and/or applique and quilting stitches. **On the back of each photo, indicate the top, quilt size (W x H), entrant’s name and quilt title.**

Submit quilt entries to:

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

CHECKLIST: Have you included everything?

- Completed **entry form** for each entry  
 **Check** made out to Best of the Valley covering \$15/quilt entered  
No entry fee for under 18 or 80+ (see rules 2 & 3)  
 2 good quality **photos** for each quilt entry

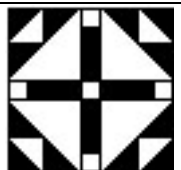
For any questions or clarification, please call Suzanne Kistler (559) 936-2204

## RULES FOR CLOTH DOLLS:

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

Submit doll entries to:

Kay Gaston  
607 E. Oakridge Ct.  
Visalia, CA 93292



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**ENTRY FORM MUST BE COMPLETED IN FULL – PLEASE PRINT!!**

**Name of Maker(s):** \_\_\_\_\_ **Group Quilt?** Yes/No

Age of maker, if under 18 or 80 or older \_\_\_\_\_ (No entry fee for under 18 or 80+ categories)

If 80+, check here if you also want your quilt judged in general competition (entry fee applies) \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ city/state/zip \_\_\_\_\_

**Cell Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **e-mail** \_\_\_\_\_

**Title of Entry:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Year Completed** \_\_\_\_\_

Is this your **first time** to enter BOTV? Yes/No (circle one)

**Original Design?** Yes/No **Design Source** (teacher/publication) \_\_\_\_\_

Quilt was made from a **kit** (includes block of the month with supplied fabrics) Yes/No

**Quilted by:** \_\_\_\_\_

**QUILTS: Please mark correct size, category, and techniques**

<b>Quilt Size - fill in ALL blanks!</b>  _____ w X _____ h (width x height) = _____ square inches	_____ Wall Quilt (up to 2304 square inches, e.g. 48x48)
	_____ Small Quilt (2305 to 5183 square inches)
	_____ Large Quilt (5184 square inches or larger, e.g. 72x72)

**\*\*\*I consider my quilt to be Traditional/Innovative/Modern/Original Art.** (please circle one)

**Techniques used** (circle ALL that apply)

PIECED: Yes/No	APPLIQUE: Machine/Hand	EMBROIDERY: Machine/Hand
EMBELLISHED: Please describe:		
OTHER TECHNIQUES: Please describe:		
QUILTING: Circle all techniques used	<input type="checkbox"/> Hand Quilted <input type="checkbox"/> Hand Guided on Domestic (fixed head) Machine <input type="checkbox"/> Quilted by Embroidery Machine  <input type="checkbox"/> Hand Guided Long Arm Quilted  <input type="checkbox"/> Computer-Assisted Long Arm Quilted	
<b>DOLLS:</b> Name of doll: _____ Height: _____ Props that will be included with doll: _____		

**Artist's Statement (75 words or less):** Describe your entry and its inspiration. **Please Print Legibly!**

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**"I have read and agree to the contest rules that accompany this entry form.** I also certify that the entry described above was made by the person(s) listed above. I wish to display my entry at The Best of the Valley, and agree to abide by the decisions of the Jury and Judges. I agree to hold harmless and indemnify 'The Best of the Valley' for any losses, damages or injuries during the Show."

**Entrant's Signature**

**Date**

For questions contact Suzanne Kistler, Chairman, (559) 936-2204 or [info@botvquilts.com](mailto:info@botvquilts.com)