



THE BEST OF THE VALLEY

A regional show of quilts, wearable art, and cloth dolls

TO: Show Entrants

RE: Quilt Photography

Dear Friends,

I want to ask you in advance, to please give careful consideration to your work when you photograph your quilt. The image that you send us is what we use to jury the show. If it does not show your creation at its best, it is very difficult for the jury to give it a fair review. Our numbers of entries are increasing, and the quality of the work is very good. So that we may give your work a fair assessment, please try to follow these guidelines:

- Make sure the ENTIRE quilt is in the picture. This means borders *and* bindings. Make sure the image of the quilt fills the frame as much as possible, but still has background around the edges. We want to see the entire quilt.
- Do not crop your photos. Hang the quilt in front of a neutral background for photography. If there is blank space around the quilt, that is fine.
- Make sure your photo is in focus. You would be surprised to see how many blurry photos are submitted. We need to see your quilt, and we want to clearly see the quilting.
- Please send pictures of just the quilt. We jury anonymously, and we'd rather not have you standing beside it. Also, please remove all ribbons and tags if you take the picture at another show.
- Please send 4 x 6 photographs, printed the old-fashioned way. Smaller sizes can easily get lost. Larger sizes and images printed on paper are difficult to manage.

Thank you for making every effort to submit beautiful pictures of your quilt. Last year we gave many entrants the benefit of the doubt, but the number of quilts we can accept is always limited. Nice sharp photographs are your best asset when it comes to submitting your quilt for consideration.

Good luck in this year's show!!

Suzanne Kistler
Chairman, Best of the Valley