

Quilt Show 101 for Newcomers

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Welcome to all our new members. Sometimes joining a guild can be overwhelming. Old timers take for granted all of our activities and newbies are left to wonder!

Here is a brief outline about our annual Quilt Show:

- Held every year at the end of September, Friday and Saturday, at Hope Community Church, 11 Hale Street, Newburyport, MA.
- **Quilt Judging** is usually done at the Merrimac Library on the Wednesday prior to the quilt show.
- **Quilt drop-off and show set-up** is Thursday before the show, at the church.
- Members are required to give **2 hours of volunteer time** either before or during the show. Many opportunities abound!
- **Quilt Entry Forms** (found on the website – mvquilters.org) are to be sent in before the deadline. See the website for this year's deadline.
- You can choose to have your **quilt judged by a certified judge at \$3.00 per quilt.** Great chance to learn from a professional!
- **Challenge Quilts:** Make a quilt related to this year's theme – separately judged according to specific criteria – info on the website.
- **Quilt show ads:** Members can gather an ad from a business for our booklet – can be any type of business, not just quilt related. Letter is on the website with info you will need.
- **Publicity:** Take a few bookmarks, or posters – give to friends or hang in public places in your town. Available on the table in the Atrium during meetings.
- **Penny Raffle Table:** Members donate a basket, bucket, tray etc. filled with new items – either quilt related or not (tea, chocolate, gardening, teddy bear etc.)
- **Silent Auction:** Members donate a handmade article to be auctioned off during the show. Proceeds usually go back to the guild, or to different charities each year.
- **White Elephant:** Members bring in fabric (no upholstery), patterns, buttons, lace, unwanted tools or unfinished quilts. 100% of proceeds to the guild.
- **Kitchen:** Volunteers are needed to bake cookies to sell, and to bring in bottled water and soda/diet soda to sell.
- **Boutique:** An opportunity for members to sell homemade articles, pins, bags, knit items, (quilts do not really sell), tools, books, patterns that are in excellent condition. 20% goes to the guild, 80% goes to the maker. Boutique form is on the website.

Newest blogs and the newsletter will have more details on how you can participate. **Longtime friendships have developed by saying yes to volunteering!**