

THE ARTISTRY QUILT SHOW 2026 FEBRUARY 27 & 28 *of Quilts*

SSPM 2026 Quilt Show Newsletter

July 2025

Countdown to The Artistry of Quilts, Seaside Piecemakers Quilt Show 2026, February 27th and 28th, 2026!

Information about our quilt show is now available on our SSPM website. Check it out!

<https://www.seasidepiecemakers.com/2026-quilt-show>

If you are entering quilts in the quilt show, you can register them via the online form located on the above webpage. Or, if you prefer, you can download a copy of the Quilt Registration Form, which is also on the above webpage, print it, fill it out, and turn it in at a SSPM general meeting. The Quilt Entry Requirements are also available on the above webpage.

You can also purchase quilt show Early Bird Tickets via that webpage, as well as in person at our general meetings. We encourage every one of you to buy an Early Bird ticket. This will help to offset the Quilt Show Costs. The quilt show is our biggest fundraiser. Quilt Show income is what helps us pay for more national teachers. Buy a ticket or two for non-quilting friends so they can see your work!

Don't forget to pick up Quilt Show bookmarks and Save-the-Date cards at the next meeting. Keep a few in your purse to hand out. Word-of-mouth is the best advertisement.

Keep making those fun little projects for the Boutique. Marta has provided lots of links for us to check out each month. Let's get creative. You can drop off your items for the Quilt Show each month at the Quilt Show table.

This month some small quilts were dropped off for the Small Quilt Raffle, and some fun items for the UFO table! Thank you! What a great start.

Our Facebook page is up and running. Please like and share our page. Let's get the word out.

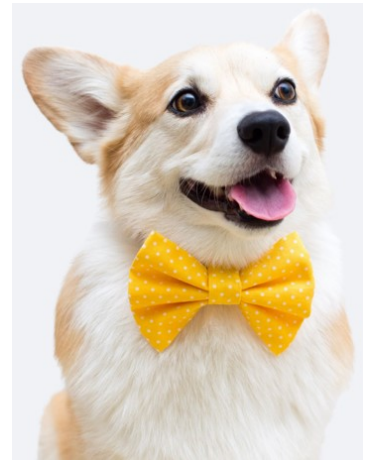
Let's make this the best quilt show ever!

Eleanor Moland and MaryBeth Little
Chairpersons of the 2026 Seaside Piecemakers Quilt Show

QUILT SHOW COMMITTEES

Boutique (Marta Horlick, Mona Sieglitz)

I want to start by thanking all of you who attended the June retreat. Thanks to your generosity and enthusiasm we collected some new and fun items for the Boutique. I especially want to thank the ladies and gentleman from Sunstitchers who offered their time and talents to demo three different items. Their instructions and kits were a great success.



This month we offer some Boutique ideas for pets and their owners. Anything with a pet theme sells well. Plus they are so cute. Here are a few suggestions for items that can be made for pets and their owners.

*Over the Collar Reversible Pet Bandana: <https://dianarambles.com/diy-personalized-dog-bandana/>

*Pet Bandana With Ties: <https://www.mygoldenthimble.com/bandana-dog-free-pattern-tutorial/#download>

*Pet Bandana Sizes and Patterns: <https://blog.spoonflower.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/SF-BLOG-DogBandana-Pattern-V3.pdf?epik=dj0yJnU9TVV1MEo4MzY4TUN5YW4zLXJfMHZwNU5abUIBVjFzOVlmcD0wJm49T1J0cFB1c3NKcjd3RIRNNdaMHVTQSZ0PUFBQUFBR1Bla1VV>

*Christmas Dog Banana: <https://www.mygoldenthimble.com/diy-christmas-dog-bandana/>

*Christmas Dog Collar using an old tea towel: <https://2beesinapod.com/easy-to-sew-christmas-dog-collar/>

*Dog Tie: <https://blog.dogundermydesk.com/2010/11/little-dog-tie-tutorial/>

*Upcycled Dog Tie: <https://www.sewdoggystyle.com/2012/06/neck-tie-recycling-galore.html>

*Dog Bow Tie: <https://www.thecaninestory.com/post/make-your-own-doggy-bow-tie>

*Upcycled Pet Bow Tie: <https://salvagedliving.com/diy-dog-bow-tie-tutorial/>

*Dog Dress Shirt Collar: <https://cheerfultimesblog.com/2015/03/15/crafts-diy-dog-dress-shirt-collar/>

*Adjustable Dog Collar: <https://halifaxdogventures.com/2016/09/29/diy-adjustable-dog-collar-tutorial/#more-3370>

*Dog Treat Bag: <http://hopefulthreads.blogspot.com/2013/05/pet-treat-pouch-free-sewing-tutorial.html>

- *Dog Poop Bag Holder: <https://happiestcamper.com/diy-dog-poop-bag-holder/>
- *Dog Dish Placemat: https://media.rainpos.com/5025/dog_placemat_web.pdf
- *Cat Dish Placemat: <https://typicallysimple.com/cat-dish-placemat-sewing-tutorial/>
- *Dog Tug Toy: <https://raisingyourpetsnaturally.com/making-a-dog-tug-toy/>
- *5 Minute Catnip Toy: <https://www.scatteredthoughtsofacraftymom.com/5-minute-catnip-toy/>
- *Quilted Cat Bed: <https://www.joejuneandmae.com/xyz/how-to-sew-the-prettyest-quilted-cat-bed>
- *Travel Pet Bowl: <http://charmedbyashley.com/travel-pet-bowl/>

Gifts for Pet Lovers -

- *Paws and All Cat Tote: http://orangebettie.com/2017/03/23/paws-and-all-cat-tote-free-sewing-pattern/?utm_medium=social&utm_source=pinterest&utm_campaign=tailwindtribes&utm_content=tribes&utm_term=1069114184_50463794_80095
- *Cat Pouch: <https://nuno-runo.blogspot.com/2010/01/cat-pouch.html>
- * Little Feline Pouches: <https://bubanana.wordpress.com/2017/10/07/little-feline-pouches/>
- *Patchwork Dog: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A0eWR4FIORE>
- *Patchwork Cat: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JGcd1IR-8kQ>
- *Christmas Stocking: https://wearwagrepeat.com/diy-dog-bone-christmas-stocking/?utm_medium=social&utm_source=pinterest&utm_campaign=tailwindsmartloop&utm_content=smartloop&utm_term=61412764
- *Cat and Bird Pillow: <https://www.tildasworld.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/Cat-and-Bird-Pillow-freeWeb.pdf>
- *My Dog Pillow: <https://www.tildasworld.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/MyDogPillow.pdf>
- *Meowning Pillow: <https://liveartgalleryfabrics.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Meowning-Pillow-Instructions.pdf>
- *Cat Block Pillow: <https://www.janome.com/en/inspire/projects/home-decor/cat-block/>
- *Playful Kitten: https://media.rainpos.com/4710/playful_kitten_freeweb.pdf
- *Dapper Dachshunds: https://media.rainpos.com/4710/dapper_dachshunds.pdf

Quilts -

* Fat Cats Baby Quilt: <https://www.quilterbydesign.com/FreePatterns/FatCats.pdf>

* Happy Cats Quilt: <https://www.quiltingdaily.com/wp-content/uploads/pdf/HappyCats.pdf>

* Knickknacks and Kitty Cats Quilt:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1SRUXrDKRQBq4S86yJVcpx3jqZY-XT65E/view>

* Silhoucat Quilt: <https://weallsew.com/silhoucat-quilt-along-with-luke-haynes/>

* CatsNBows Quilt: <http://www.benartex.com/uploads/Image/quilt-gallery/69Y/CatsNBows.pdf>

* Gazing Cat Mini Quilt: <https://craftandfabriclinks.com/appcat/catwall.html>

* Cat in a Mask Mini Quilt: <http://orangebettie.com/2020/05/22/cat-in-a-mask-social-distancing-banner-free-pattern/>

* Sleeping Cat Quilt:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1SOeu2aVXh9f4RdADk9JxCtXCP_FH1VmF/view

* The Cat Halloween Quilt:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1kJ13eC9Pq2NSv75Aup4f2JQd1dgHjHKO/view>

* Spooky Cat Pattern: <https://www.shinyhappyworld.com/2014/10/spooky-free-black-cat-applique-pattern.html>

* Phoebe Dog Quilt: https://liveartgalleryfabrics.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Phoebe_instructions_JM.pdf

* Scotty Dog Quilt: <https://www.benartex.com/uploads/Image/quilt-gallery/431/ScottyDogs.pdf>

* Le Chien Poodle Quilt: http://free-patterns.s3.amazonaws.com/dogWHle_chien.pdf

* Hot Dogs Quilt: <http://free-patterns.s3.amazonaws.com/doghoffmanHotDogs.pdf>

When you turn in an item for the Boutique, please fill out a raffle ticket and put it in the ticket jar at the Quilt Show table during the general meetings. There will be a drawing in January. The more items you make for the Boutique, the more tickets you'll have in the ticket jar, so more chances to win a prize!

CHALLENGE

Challenge Quilt (Cindy Heinig)

The kits are available now and will be at the general meetings for \$3 each (please bring correct change if you can!).

Door Prizes (Diana Whitson)

Have you ever purchased a gadget or fabric where later you wondered, "Why did I buy that? I'll never use it."? Or someone gave you something sewing related that you had the same question? Here's your chance to donate that item for a Door Prize. Someone else may just LOVE that said item. You can give your donation directly to me or place on the Quilt Show table at our Guild meeting. Thank you in advance for your donations.



Opportunity Quilt Tickets (Kathy Caldes, Denise Peeler)

The Opportunity Quilt will be on display at our general meetings between now and February 2026 and will be on display at our local quilt shops as well. We'll publish the locations by date on our website.



If you want to buy tickets for a chance to win this lovely quilt, the tickets are \$1 each and 6 tickets for \$5. We are encouraging each of our SSPM members to make a \$10 donation and receive 12 Opportunity tickets.

Tickets will be available at the local quilt shops and at our general meetings at the Quilt Show table.

If you would like to try to sell some tickets to a large group that you belong to, we can provide you with tickets on consignment.

Pre-Sale (Early Bird) Tickets (Sharon Tunis, Jody Rosenhauer)

Early Bird tickets are now available. You can buy a physical ticket at our general meetings and at any of our local quilt shops. You can buy a virtual ticket from our website.



If you buy a physical ticket, don't forget where you store it between now and the quilt show, so you don't forget to bring it with you to the show. If you buy a virtual ticket, your name will be on a list at the Hospitality table during the quilt show, so you don't have to worry about printing your receipt and bringing it with you to the show.

Early Bird tickets are \$12 per adult, and are available until 2 days prior to the quilt show (Wednesday, February 25, 2025). Tickets are \$15 at the entrance to the quilt show. Either kind of ticket will get you into the quilt show both days.

Student admission is \$12 at the door (through High School age, with student ID). There is no admission fee for kids age 12 and under.

Publicity (Melissa Tabboula)

Our Quilt Show Flier is now available on our SSPM website. Please share it on your websites, Facebook and Instagram pages, with your friends, and on your neighborhood bulletin boards.



<https://www.seasidepiecemakers.com/quilt-show>

Want a flyer to post at your favorite restaurant? Maybe your hair or nail salon?

Just contact me Melissa Tabboula, Publicity Chairperson

Quilt Registration (Kathie Medley)



Good News! Our Quilt Registration form is now available via our SSPM website:

<https://www.seasidepiecemakers.com/2026-quilt-show>

When you are ready to register quilts for the show, you have two options.

- 1) Download and print the registration form. Fill it out and follow the instructions to submit it.
- 2) Register your quilts online via the Online Registration Form. The ability to upload photos of your quilts is coming soon.

The deadline to enter a quilt into the show is December 10th. The quilt doesn't have to be finished until the day before Quilt Take-In Day, which is Tuesday, February 24, 2026.

Quilt Show Program Advertising (Sheri Whala, Jill Brown)

We are still looking for your help in getting Ads for our quilt show programs. Please think about asking your favorite restaurant manager, handyman, beautician, manicurist, pool care specialist, etc. to advertise in the program. You can tell them that it's a great way to get their name and services in front of the thousands of people who attend the show.

Advertising prices are a bargain:

- ✚ \$30 for a business card-sized ad
- ✚ \$100 for a half-page ad
- ✚ \$200 for a full-page ad



Contact Sheri Whala or Jill Brown if you'd like to borrow a copy of the 2024 Quilt Show Program to show to a potential advertiser.

The form for requesting an ad in the Quilt Show Program is now on our website:

https://www.seasidepiecemakers.com/files/ugd/2ed5bf_78c514ff8b694d93a38df8d120cbd46a.docx?dn=Sponsor%20Contract.docx

Checks should be made out to "Seaside Piecemakers Inc.", and sent to Quilt Show, Seaside Piecemakers Quilt Show, P.O. Box 372761, Satellite Beach, FL 32937.

The deadline for placing and paying for an Ad is December 10th.

Silent Auction (Ginny Rosensteel)

These four committees (Boutique, Silent Auction, Small Quilt Raffle, and the new Area 51 UFOs) are the money makers for the quilt show. We had 34 silent auction baskets at our 2024 quilt show, so we are hoping for at least that many this year.

You can make a basket to donate to the Silent Auction, or you can donate items for a basket. We need individual items to add to baskets to fill them out. (Please remember all items need to be new.) We need Quilting/Sewing items: Rotary cutters & Blades, Rulers (all sizes), Scissors, Pins, Needles, Marking Pens/Pencils, Thread, Embroidery Floss, Seam Rippers, Purple Thangs --- You get the idea! Also, any great Patterns or Books.

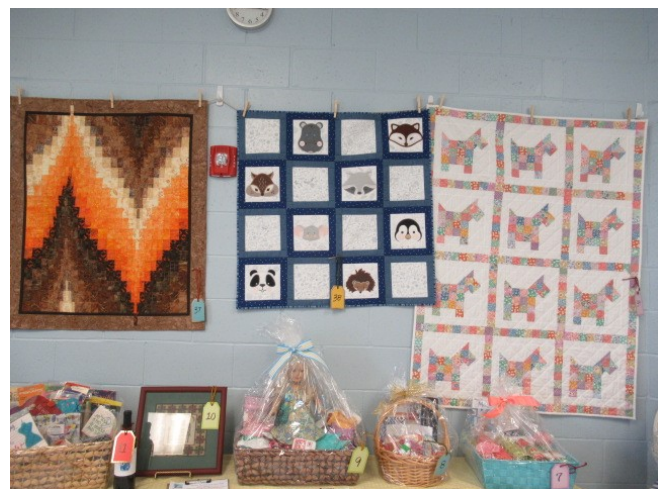
The baskets don't have to be filled with quilting items. Gift certificates are welcome, for example from your favorite restaurant. Ask your favorite business if they would like to donate a gift certificate to a good cause and let them know the publicity factor involved with our quilt show.

If you donate a basket, please provide a list of what is in the basket.

We'd also like some unique stand-alone items for the silent auction, such as small quilts, tote bags, handmade dolls and teddy bears.

And, of course, you are always welcome to donate cash to help purchase basket items and/or gift certificates.

We are collecting silent auction items from now until the quilt show. Come see us at our table at the SSPM General meetings.



Small Quilt Raffle (Catherine Schinella)

We are collecting small quilts for the raffle from now until the quilt show. We'd like to have at least 50 small quilts, so please consider making a small quilt to donate to the raffle.



It can be quick and easy to make a small quilt.

- Start with an orphan block that was left over from a previous quilt project, and just add borders to it to finish it off.
- Make a small quilt starting with a favorite embroidery design in the center block, then add borders.
- Pick a focus fabric for a center block and add a border or two.
- Donate a block-of-the-month that you've turned into a small quilt.

The possibilities are endless.

This is a great time to try out new techniques and skills that you've been thinking about. It allows you to do them on a small scale.

The requirements are easy: Quilts can range in size between 11" and 24" on a side, but no larger than 24" square. Add a small sleeve on the back for a little dowel hanging rod. And put your name on the back of the quilt (people will want to know who made it).

Cindy Heinig is teaching a class after the general meeting on September 24th that would make a popular Small Quilt Raffle quilt. You might consider making one for yourself and another one to donate for the quilt show.

Social Media (Eleanor Moland)

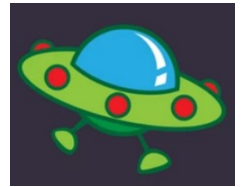
Be sure of follow Seaside Piecemakers on Facebook so you can see updates about the quilt show. Be sure to "like" each post and "share" it on your Facebook page. Then ask your friends to share it, too.



Last show we had folks fly in from all over the country to meet Kestrel because they saw posts about it on Facebook. Every share helps promote the show, even to your out-of-town friends!

<https://www.facebook.com/SeasidePiecemakers>

UFO Table (Area 51 UFO's) (Karen Windsor)



If you have a UFO (Un-Finished Object / Project) in your sewing room that you are no longer interested in, please consider donating it to our UFO committee. These items will be made available for sale at the UFO table at our 2026 quilt show.

The focus for this area will be strictly on unfinished projects you don't want to complete and those new kits and new paper piecing patterns with papers that you don't want to start. Any unfinished quilt, wall hanging, table runner, or placemats will be appreciated. Please include the pattern with the partially finished project and the remainder of the fabric to complete the item.

Did you take a class at our Quilting Collaboration this past February at the Melbourne Auditorium, started a quilt there and have decided not to finish it? You might consider donating it to the UFO Table.

Or maybe you took a class at the SSPM Gathering in 2015 or 2017, started a quilt and never finished it? That could be another project you could donate to the UFO Table.

We probably all have unfinished projects that are pushing 10 years old. If you don't think you'll ever finish it, think of the space you'll free up in your sewing room by donating it to the UFO Table.

You may turn in your donations at any guild meeting between now and the show.

Special Exhibit (Eleanor Moland)

Each quilt show newsletter we are showcasing some of Kestrel Michaud's artistic quilts. This month we have "Last Call", which won Best Wall Quilt in the AQS Quiltweek Show in Paducah, Kentucky 2024, and Best in Show at the South Florida Quilt Expo in Miramar, Florida in March 2025.



Kestrel Michaud 
Fine Art Quilting
& Fabric Illustration

our Special Exhibit for **The Artistry of Quilts** Quilt Show

"Last Call"



Which Category Does My Quilt Belong In ?

This section of our Quilt Show Newsletter is where we show examples of quilts and which category they belong in. This month we are highlighting Modern Quilts.

Modern quilts tend to use bold colors, solids, high contrast and large areas of open space. The inspiration may come from traditional blocks, but these blocks are stretched, examined through perspective and reimaged through innovative or improvisational piecing.

They can be minimalistic or even maximalist through the use of alternate grid work that is unconventional or unexpected: i.e. blocks of varying sizes, or blocks that are placed off-center.

Here are some examples of Modern quilts entered into our past SSPM quilt shows:

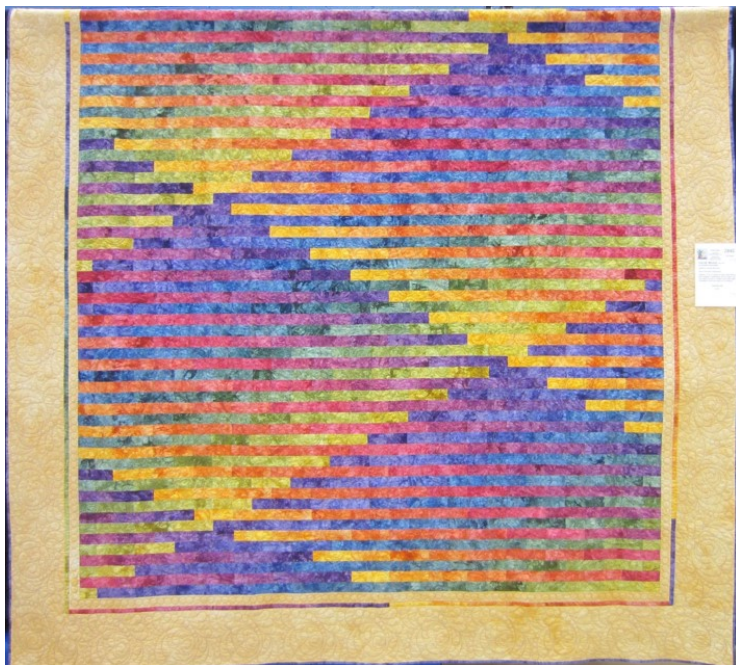
Modern Quilts:



Modern Quilts (cont):



The following quilts were entered into the Pieced Category in previous SSPM Quilt Shows, but actually qualify as “Modern” quilts.



Quilt Showcase (photos from 2024 Quilt Show)

This section of the newsletter is to showcase the quilts that were in our 2024 quilt show.

800-Miniature Quilts category



800-Miniature Quilts (cont).



900-Art Quilts



900-Art Quilts (cont.)



900-Art Quilts (cont.)



Check back next month for more pictures of quilts from our awesome 2024 Quilt Show!

2026 SSPM QUILT SHOW COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Quilt Show Chairpersons	Eleanor Moland, MaryBeth Little
Secretary	Sharon Tunis
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Café	Karin Jacobson
Challenge Quilts	Cindy Heinig
Design/Marketing	Eleanor Moland
Door Prizes	Diana Whitson
Hospitality	Nancy Deibner
Interior Signs	Reta Heob, Kristine Shoup
Judging	Kathy Gardze
Opportunity Quilt	Diana Marchand
Opportunity Quilt Tickets	Kathy Caldes, Denise Peeler
Pre-Sale (Early Bird) Tickets	Sharon Tunis, Jody Rosenhauer
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Small Quilt Raffle	Catherine Schinella
Social Media	Eleanor Moland
Special Exhibit	Eleanor Moland
Sponsors	Sheri Whala, Jill Brown
UFO Table	Karen Windsor
Vendors	Eleanor Moland, Patty Crisp
Viewers Choice	Margie Cameron, Pam Nelson
Volunteers	Zinda Dills
White Glove	Bobbie Williams

Quilt Show Newsletters (Diana Marchand)

If you missed any of our previous Quilt Show Newsletters, you can click on the links below to see them:



March 2025

<https://seasidepiecemakers.us13.list-manage.com/track/click?u=35f8a4587e8d381ff35a4d89e&id=a3717129fd&e=dae365e733>

April 2025

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May 2025

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June 2025

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SSPM Quilt Show 2026

February 27-28, 2026
Quilt Registration Form

Due
12/10/2025

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Name of Quilt: _____

Quilted by: _____

Year Quilt made: _____ Size: width _____" length _____"

Quilt Description: (for Quilt tag – 35 words or less)

Design Pattern Source (please check one)

☐ Totally Original Design ☐ Pattern/Derivative of Pattern *

* Please list Book, Pattern, Designer, Teacher, Class, etc:

☐ I confirm this quilt is 3 layers (top, batting, backing) and has no false back.

Check here ☐ if you have been quilting for less than 3 years
AND this is your first Quilt Show entry.

In the event there are more entries than there is space to properly display them, some entries may be excluded. Please rate your entries in order of preference

Quilt is # _____ of _____ total quilts entered

- ✓ Make a copy of the completed form for your records.
- ✓ Send one form per quilt, with a **color** photo.
- ✓ Write your name, the quilt's name, quilt category, and the quilt's width and length on the back of the photo.
- ✓ Bring the completed form and photo to the monthly SSPM General meeting, or email it to: QuiltShow@SeasidePiecemakers.com or snail-mail it to: Seaside Piecemakers, PO Box 372761, Satellite Beach, FL 32937

By submitting this form, I understand and am abiding by the quilt show entry requirements. I also agree to abide by the decisions of the Quilt Show Chairs and the Judge and that they are final and binding and that Seaside Piecemakers, Inc. has no responsibility for same. I further understand that this entry gives Seaside Piecemakers, Inc. the right to use a photo of my quilt on their website and/or for the promotion of their quilt shows, but not for commercial use. I agree to permit Seaside Piecemakers, Inc. to display my entry at their show February 27 & 28, 2026. I understand that reasonable care will be taken to protect my item and that no responsibility for loss or damage is assumed by Seaside Piecemakers, Inc. or Melbourne Auditorium/City of Melbourne Parks and Recreation, while in their possession.

Signature _____

Date _____

"The Artistry of Quilts"

Quilt Categories

(See full description explanations on separate sheet. Check one category)

- ☐ 100 Display Only
- ☐ 200 Pieced
- ☐ 200-M Master Pieced
- ☐ 300 Machine Appliqué
- ☐ 400 Hand Appliqué
- ☐ 500 Modern
- ☐ 600 Special Technique
- ☐ 700 Mixed Techniques
- ☐ 800 Miniature
- ☐ 900 Art Quilts

Note: Any category may be divided into size categories if warranted by the number of submissions

Techniques

(check all that apply)

- ☐ Beading
- ☐ Cathedral Window
- ☐ Crazy Quilting
- ☐ Hand Dyed
- ☐ Hand Embroidery
- ☐ Machine Embroidery
- ☐ Paint
- ☐ Trapunto
- ☐ Whole Cloth

Quilting Technique

- ☐ Hand Quilted
- ☐ Hand-Guided Machine
- ☐ Computerized Machine