

## What do Quilt Show judges consider in evaluating quilts?

### 1. What system will the judges use?

A quilt judge will use either the A. elimination system or the B. point system. System A is most preferred and the most liked. In A, quilts are placed in a specific category. The Judge does not criticize but critiques weaknesses the quilter can improve upon.

### 2. What characteristics is the judge looking for?

Three characteristics are examined: **general appearance, design & color, and workmanship.**

#### General appearance:

The Judge will spend only three minutes to look at the quilt. Her eyes go across the quilt and if there is unity, she will give a further look.

#### Design & Color:

Color is seen first then the design. The level of difficulty of the design is noted as well as embellishments. Color creates contrast and unity.

The Judge will look for a variety of pattern scale and examine the difficulty of design. Elements of design and techniques included to convey the look are noted and was it done successfully.

#### Workmanship:

In determining workmanship, precision of construction in the top and bottom are noted. No puckering or points cut off, lines must be straight, sufficient amount of quilting, binding is of an even width, inner borders are straight and even, borders complement the quilt, outer edges are not wavy. Puckering may benefit from more quilting. Batting goes to the edge in binding. Hand quilting stitches must penetrate all layers.