

Donation opportunities and other common activities in support of the Utah Quilt Guild

This list may change each year but is provided as a reminder of these various efforts. It is for use by the State Board, including Area Reps, the Quilt Fest Board, and Chapter presidents to assist with communication efforts across the state.

-Art Baskets for the silent auction at Quilt Fest

Generally donated by a local chapter. May be donated by an individual or shop. Items are expected to be new and may reflect the theme of the event. Baskets may be large or small to give more people opportunities to participate.

Antiques, such as quilts have been donated as well.

-Door prizes for Quilt Fest (these items are distributed during meals, selected from attending participants tickets)

These are generally donated by local stores or manufacturers.

Items vary, we have had sewing machines, scissor sets, and irons. Generally, these are patterns, fabric bundles, thread bundles, notions, etc. Sometimes items such as sewing themed socks, snack foods, lotions etc. have been donated as well.

Individuals have donated items, such as kits, that they have not used, or notions.

Some collected items are used as Table door prizes, these need to be collected in sets equal to number of people at a table (usually 8 or 10). Sometimes these are made by members or guilds – such as small pin cushions or small bags. Sometimes they are patterns or bundles of fabric, donated by designers. stores or manufacturers.

-Charity (this should start during Quilt Fest, and be announced by the President-Elect)

Fat quarters are available for sale during Quilt Fest and by Area Reps after Quilt Fest

12-1/2" unfinished blocks are collected the following year at Quilt Fest, or returned via Area Reps. Some chapters or individuals may choose to create a quilt or quilt top and turn that in at Quilt Fest.

Sometime chapters or individuals may choose to donate completed quilts to the selected charity and these items will be collected at Quilt Fest for delivery to the charity.

After Quilt Fest, unfinished blocks or quilt tops are provided to generous guild members that have volunteered to create quilts from the unfinished blocks or quilt tops.

Fees collected are first used to cover costs, such as fabric, backing, batting, etc. Any excess is intended to be donated to the selected charity.

-First 100 prizes for Quilt Show participants

These are generally collected from shops or small businesses around the state and are smallish items or gift certificates provided to people that enter quilts into the Quilt Show (or challenge if entries permit) at Quilt Fest.

The Guild usually provides some small token gift and candy to the participants.

#### -Mini Quilts

Mini Quilts are generally donated by individual members. These are displayed during Quilt Fest, and candy is purchased with opportunities to win selected quilts. These quilts are normally between 20" and 80" in perimeter and have been a wide variety of techniques over the years. The theme of Quilt Fest is not necessarily considered in the making of these Mini Quilts.

#### -Opportunity Quilt

The Past President has a quilt that is used as a fund raiser. Opportunities are available for purchase at some events around the state, as well as at Quilt Fest. The winner is selected during the business meeting. Sometimes Area Reps may use the quilt at local events to help the state guild.

#### -Table Decorations

The Quilt Fest chair may choose to have small quilts (approximately 80" to "125" perimeter) as table decorations. These small quilts generally reflect the theme of Quilt Fest in some manner. Sometimes these are for purchase and sometimes they are used as additional door prizes. Sometimes these are asked to be donated from various organizations, other times these are created by a small group of volunteers. If an individual or guild is interested in creating these, please contact the either the State Guild President, Past-president, or President Elect.

#### -Table Favors (these are provided at each seat during meals where there are speakers or programs)

These are generally NOT donated but purchased by the guild. If someone wants to donate items, they should contact the Quilt Fest chair and Table Favor chair to coordinate the donation. Generally, there are 200-250 items needed for each meal.

Excess Table Favors are often sold during Quilt Fest to members to cover the cost of the items.

Excess Table Favors may also be used as a small gift for the first 100 quilt show participants, or as prizes for other Quilt Fest activities (such as Orphan Block participants).

#### -Quilt Fest Challenges or statewide challenges

In addition, the Quilt Fest chair or President may issue quilt or block challenges for Chapters or individuals. Examples of challenges in the past were the Red and White quilt challenge, and the Bewitching Panel Challenge. These may include selling of specific fabric and/or may include fees to have the item displayed or to compete for awards. Generally, these events do not raise money for the guild but are intended to be self-sufficient, and to fun ways for members to share their creativity.