



THE ALLIANCE FOR AMERICAN QUILTS

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A contest for quilters of all ages that honors the spirit of the crazy quilt.

Sponsored by: Mountain Mist, the Electric Quilt Company, EZ Quilter/Simplicity Creative Group, Dharma Trading Co., Embellishment Village, Kreinik, and Riversilks

Competition Theme: Crazy for Quilts

The Alliance for American Quilts presents over 18,000 quilt images in our online archives, including over 1,100 examples of crazy quilts, both vintage and newly interpreted.

Entrants are encouraged to visit our website to draw inspiration from one or more aspect of the crazy quilt: design, color, fabric, surface embellishment, history or some other aspect of this style that you want to celebrate. There's room in this contest for all kinds of crazy-from traditional approaches to art quilts. The only constraints are that the finished quilt be 16" x 16" in size (2009 is our 16th birthday), and the final result must consist of three layers.

Contest quilts become a donation to AAQ. All entries will be auctioned on eBay with 100% of the proceeds supporting the AAQ and its projects. This auction is one of our most successful annual fundraisers and a great way for quiltmakers to support our mission in a creative way.

This year we'll have two categories to encourage younger quilters to participate: **Ages 30 & Under** and **Ages Over 30**. 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize will be awarded in **each** category as well as honorable mention awards. AAQ members will vote to award prizes (a good reason to become a member when you enter the contest—every vote counts!).

Quilt Contest Prizes and Rules

First Prize: To be announced. Valued at \$750 - \$1,000. There will be one first prize given in each category.

Second Prize: Mega Gift Basket piled high with quilting tools and supplies provided by: EZ Quilter/Simplicity Creative Group, Dharma Trading Co., Embellishment Village, and Kreinik. Valued at \$500.00 There will be one second prize given in each category.



Third Prize: An EQ6 Price Package from The Electric Quilt Company containing EQ6 software, three EQ6 companion books, plus two STASH fabric CD's. Valued at \$250.00. There will be one third prize given in each category.

Entry Deadline: Entries must be POSTMARKED no later than June 1, 2009.

Entry Fee Non-refundable. Non AAQ members* pay \$25 for the first quilt and \$10/ea for subsequent quilts. Alliance members pay \$5 per quilt.

*Visit www.AllianceforAmericanQuilts.org for more information about becoming an Alliance member for as low as \$25/year. *The Alliance for American Quilts is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Donations and memberships are deductible to the extent allowed by law.*

Categories: There are two categories: 1). Ages 30 and Under and 2) Ages Over 30.

Limit of Entries: None. Enter many!

Size of entries: Each work must measure 16"x16" square.

Sleeve and label: Each quilt must have a 4-inch sleeve sewn onto the back. A cloth label with the entrant's name, title of quilt and date must be securely sewn on the back of the quilt.

Artist's Statement: A 75-word (max) artist's statement must accompany each quilt (see entry form).

Jury: The members of the Alliance for American Quilts will each have one vote for their favorite quilt. Their decision will be final. Run-offs will be held as needed. The organizers reserve the right to decide which quilts will be included in exhibitions if space is limited

Who May Enter: Open to anyone who wishes to enter. The entries may be the work of more than one person as long as proper credit is given to all involved in the actual completion of the quilt.

Quilts: Quilts will not be returned and are considered a donation to The Alliance for American Quilts.

Exhibitions: The quilts will be exhibited on The Alliance's website (www.allianceforamericanquilts.org) as well as national venues including the National Quilting Association's annual show in Columbus, Ohio, June 18-20, 2009. The quilts will be auctioned and the proceeds will go to The Alliance for American Quilts.

Copyright Permission: Entry into the competition automatically grants copyright permission for the image of the quilt and/or all or part of the Artist's Statement about the quilt to be used in articles, ads, promotions, posters, catalogs, books, websites, CDs, event news coverage, television productions and/or multimedia productions for and about The Alliance for American Quilts. The quilt artist retains copyright to his/her quilt design.

Mail entries to: The Alliance for American Quilts, 125 S. Lexington Avenue, Suite 101, Asheville, NC 28801

Must be **POSTMARKED no later than June 1, 2009**. The complete entry should contain the following:

- Completed, signed **Entry Form** (one entry form per quilt) including Artist's Statement
- **Quilt** measuring 16" x 16"
- Non-refundable **entry fee**. Non AAQ members* pay \$25 for the first quilt entered and \$10/ea for subsequent quilts. Alliance members pay \$5 per quilt. There are two payment options:
 - Check or money order, in U.S. funds drawn on a U.S. bank and made payable to The Alliance for American Quilts
 - PayPal: Login to your PayPal account. Send your payment to quiltalliance@yahoo.com. When you are asked to select "Category of Purchase," choose "Service/Other." In the "Message to Recipient" field, enter "Crazy for Quilts," your name and the title of your quilt.

*please include your membership form and dues payment if you are joining at this time

Competition Calendar

June 1, 2009: Postmark deadline for entries.

July 2009: Quilts will be displayed on www.AllianceforAmericanQuilts.org. AAQ members will vote online shortly after.

August 2009: Winners will be announced.

November 2009: Quilts will be auctioned online to support the mission of the Alliance for American Quilts.

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