**Category Definitions**

**Domestic Sewing Machine:** If your machine is stationary and the quilt is manipulated during quilting, your machine is considered a “Domestic Machine.”

**Long Arm Machine:** If your sewing machine head moves and the quilt is stationary during quilting, your machine is considered a “Long Arm Machine.”

**One-person quilt:** Quilt constructed entirely by 1 person, to include quilting.

**Two-person quilt:** More than one person involved in the construction of the quilt or one person making the top, and another quilting it.

**Applique Quilt by Machine**: A quilt in which the predominant element or design feature is appliqued by machine.  
**Applique Quilt by Hand**: A quilt in which the predominant element or design feature is appliqued by hand.

**Mixed Technique**: A quilt combining techniques in one quilt, such as paper-piecing, applique, traditional piecing, embroidery, etc.

**Original Design**: A quilt using your own design not derived from a pattern or other artwork. If the design was derived from a piece of art or another quilt, it is a derivative of someone else’s work and not an original design. You may have purchased a pattern and put your own spin on it, but if the original quilter’s work is still recognizable in your version, it’s a derivative. A quilt created from commercially produced patterns, quilting books, or quilt magazines — even if it’s different — is still a derivative, and therefore not original.

**Modern Quilt**: Includes but is not limited to the use of bold colors and prints, high contrast and graphic areas of solid color, large areas of negative space, improvisational piecing, or an updating of classic quilt designs.  
 **Quilt Kit**: Made from a pre-packaged kit.

**Commercial Panels &** **preprinted blocks**: Panels and preprinted blocks used within the layout of the quilt.

**Art Quilt Representational**: Pictorial in nature and illustrates a recognizable image such as cityscapes, wildlife, nature, or people.

**Art Quilt Non-Representational**: Abstract in nature with emphasis on color, line, and design. Does not contain recognizable images.

**Miscellaneous Quilt Techniques**: Whole cloth quilts, crazy quilts, yo-yo quilts, cathedral window quilts, etc.

**Embroidery by Hand:** A quilt in which the predominant element or design feature is embroidered by hand.

**Embroidery by Machine**: A quilt in which the predominant element or design feature is embroidered by machine.

**Miniature:** Quilts with overall patterns reflecting reduced scale and miniaturization. If blocks are used, they should be no larger than 4 inches (10 cm) square. Maximum quilt size is 24” on any side.

**Other Quilt Items**: Miscellaneous quilted items such as table runners, bags, clothing items, etc.

**Junior Division**: (Under 15 years) all categories.

**Adult Beginner**: This is usually a first-time quilt. Quilts do not have to be machine quilted, and many times, are tied by the beginner quilter.