



# 2009 QUILT CONTEST THEME:

## “*QUILT TRADITIONS: CLASSIC TO CUTTING EDGE*”

*Tradition is the handing down of beliefs, customs, legends, and practices, from generation to generation. Quilting, with its fascinating history, beautiful block patterns, intricate quilt designs, and varied techniques, is rich in traditions. Happily, these traditions have not been rigid and static; they have, instead, served as a flexible foundation upon which quilting has evolved. Classic quilts from the past with their smooth symmetry and comfortable colors gave us a place to begin. From there we moved boldly on, going beyond the block and even daring to twist tradition. Somewhere along the way it was decided to use muslin no more. New quilt traditions began to be handed down. And, as we move into the future, quilting continues to change. Along with classic pieces from the past, and evolutionary pieces from the present, we now see cutting edge quilts that reflect enormous creativity and vision. And, they also show what is being accomplished with the hi-tech tools now available, from rotary cutters to computerized sewing machines. The theme of this contest challenges quilters to enter quilts that show the history of quilt traditions, from classic to cutting edge.*

*A Quilters' Gathering*<sup>™</sup> Quilt Contest is a juried and judged contest open to individuals, partners, and groups. Quilts may be new or completed within the past 10 years. Selected entries will be exhibited to the public at *A Quilters' Gathering*<sup>™</sup> from November 5-8, 2009. Judging will take place prior to the exhibit and a range of ribbons, from 1<sup>st</sup> Place to Honorable Mention, will be presented as follows: Best in Show, Popular Choice, Judges' Choice, Founders' Award, Directors' Choice, Overall Craftsmanship, Color Compatibility, Hand Quilting, Machine Quilting, Reflections of Theme and Publisher's Award. Additional award categories may be added at the discretion of show organizers. This year there will be a new award. The new award will be a first place award blue ribbon that reflects the Classic Tradition and the second blue ribbon that reflects the Cutting Edge Tradition. In addition to ribbons, cash or prize awards are offered by Quilt Industry Sponsors, such as The Quilter Magazine, Bernina of America, and by EQA3. A listing of cash/prize awards and donors for the 2009 quilt contest will be posted on the web site as soon as available.

Jurying of Slide/Photo entries is done by a highly qualified Selection Committee. Judging is done by duly certified judges who examine the actual quilts and determine winners in each category. All quilts and wall hangings in any style, size, design, and method of construction may be entered. All work submitted must have been executed totally by Entrant(s), i.e. individual, partners, or group, and must be available from October 25 to November 15, 2009. Entries that are tied or made from kits or non-traditional materials are not eligible. Work previously shown at *A Quilters' Gathering*<sup>™</sup> cannot be entered again.

A non-refundable entry fee of \$15.00 per Entrant is required. This fee allows 3 different pieces to be submitted. Each submission must include 2 slides or photos – a full view and a close-up, and an Entry Form. Entries must be in color. Any size photo may be sent so long as it clearly depicts the quilt colors, technique, craftsmanship, quilting stitch, and other pertinent details. Slides/Photos of accepted work will become the property of Eastcoast Quilters Alliance 3, LLC and may be used for publicity purposes. Only slides/photos of non-accepted work will be returned. **Entries must include a Self-Addressed-Stamped-Envelope with \$.42 postage for mailing the Notification of Status letter and for return of slides where applicable.** This letter will contain full instructions for mailing/delivering accepted entries. In the event this letter is not received within a week of the date indicated below please do not hesitate to contact Kate Sussman at [kate@aquiltersgathering.com](mailto:kate@aquiltersgathering.com) or 1-603-714-8871. **Submission of Entry Form implies consent to abide by contest rules and regulations.**

## CONTEST CALENDAR

Deadline date for submitting Entries: **September 15, 2009**

Entrants notified of status by: **October 1, 2009**

Quilts due to Eastcoast Quilters Alliance 3, LLC by: **October 25, 2009**

Quilts exhibited at A Quilters' Gathering<sup>™</sup>: **November 5-9, 2009**

Quilts shipped to Entrants by: **November 15, 2009**

**SUBMIT ENTRIES BY SEPTEMBER 15, 2009 AS FOLLOWS: A CHECK FOR \$15.00 MADE OUT TO EASTCOAST QUILTERS ALLIANCE 3, LLC MUST BE SENT WITH AN ENTRY FORM AND 2 SLIDES/PHOTOS PER SUBMISSION. (THREE SUBMISSIONS MAXIMUM PER ENTRANT) AND A SELF ADDRESSED, STAMPED ENVELOPE FOR NOTIFICATION AND RETURN OF SLIDES OR PHOTOS TO: QUILT CONTEST: EASTCOAST QUILTERS ALLIANCE 3, LLC, 307 NORTH AMHERST RD, BEDFORD, NH 03110.**

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## *2009 QUILT CONTEST ENTRY FORM*

**Theme: "Quilt Traditions: Classic to Cutting Edge!"**

ENTRANT(S) \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ ST \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

DAY PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ EVE PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE OF ENTRY \_\_\_\_\_

QUILT SIZE (W) \_\_\_\_\_ (L) \_\_\_\_\_ Approximate Value for Insurance Purpose \_\_\_\_\_

TRADITIONAL \_\_\_\_\_ CONTEMPORARY \_\_\_\_\_ BASIC PATTERN \_\_\_\_\_ ORIGINAL DESIGN \_\_\_\_\_

HAND PIECED \_\_\_\_\_ HAND APPLIED \_\_\_\_\_ HAND QUILTED \_\_\_\_\_

MACHINE PIECED \_\_\_\_\_ MACHINE APPLIED \_\_\_\_\_ MACHINE QUILTED \_\_\_\_\_

HAND QUILTED BY \_\_\_\_\_

MACHINE QUILTED BY \_\_\_\_\_

BRIEFLY TELL ABOUT THIS QUILT \_\_\_\_\_

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INDICATE BELOW NAME AND NEWSLETTER ADDRESS OF GUILDS YOU BELONG TO

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INDICATE BELOW NAME AND ADDRESS OF LOCAL NEWSPAPERS

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Identify slides/photos with your name, title of work, size of piece. Indicate TOP of piece and if FULL VIEW or CLOSE UP. An entry form should be included for each submission. Duplicate form if necessary. 3 submissions per Entrant are allowed. Entry forms, slides/photos, and a \$15.00 Entry Fee (made payable to Eastcoast Quilters Alliance 3, LLC) must be mailed by September 15, 2009 to: Eastcoast Quilters Alliance 3, LLC, 307 North Amherst Rd, Bedford, NH 03110. Please be sure to include a Self Addressed, Stamped Envelope with \$.42 postage for notification of status and return of slides/photos if applicable. Thank You.

I enter the above work and agree to abide by rules and decisions of judges and Eastcoast Quilters Alliance 3, LLC. I understand that Eastcoast Quilters Alliance 3, LLC will take every precaution to protect pieces during this event but cannot be held liable for loss, damages or other happenstance. I give permission for my entries to be displayed and to be photographed for publicity purposes relating to this event.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_