



## **QGSA Judging Panel**

### **Policy: Judging & General Guidelines for Affiliated Group Quilt Show Organisers**

Having a quilt show judged can help to encourage a higher standard of workmanship from quilt makers. If it is known that the quilt is going to be judged, more attention to detail and care is often put in during construction of the quilt. The result for the quilt maker is a well-made quilt, even if an actual prize is not awarded or gained. In turn this can raise the overall standard work of the group of quilt makers, as they inspire and encourage each other.

QGSA Judging Panel offers a free judging service to groups with a QGSA membership.

While our team of judges enjoys the opportunity to share their expertise and knowledge to judge exhibitions of groups, Judging Panel members are guild members who serve our guild members in a voluntary capacity.

The information provided to the Judging Panel on the Application form and these guidelines are intended to help show organisers to run a successfully judged show, and to ensure that judging is a smooth and enjoyable experience for all involved.

### **Quilt Show Organisers responsibilities**

1. Are responsible for setting of criteria for entries and categories e.g. Size etc.
2. Are responsible for receipt of entries and deciding whether entries meet criteria.
3. Are responsible for covering entrants name for judging.
4. Should arrange for judging prior to hanging. If this is not possible, quilts should be hung in categories.
5. Should stack quilts in categories ready for judges if judged prior to hanging.
6. Should indicate clearly to judges the categories and number and type of award to be made in each category.
7. Should indicate to judges whether prizes must be awarded or if they have the option to decline on the basis of low standard, lack of entries or other circumstances.
8. Should indicate to judges prior to judging whether extra awards need to be made, such as Best in show, Best use of colour etc. etc. and Encouragement awards or judges choice.
9. Need to recognize that the judging process is strictly confidential and that the judges' decisions are final.
10. Provide handlers and a scribe. All assistants must leave the judging area while their own quilt is being judged.
11. Need to be aware that critiques are not normally given. This requires extra time and effort and should be negotiated or arranged prior to commencement of judging.
12. Should indicate clearly for entrants and viewers, which entries are being or have been judged.
13. It is the responsibility of the show organisers to coordinate handling of quilts pre and post judging and organise hanging of quilts.
14. It is the responsibility of the show organisers to arrange sponsorship.

## **QGSA Judges Responsibilities**

1. Show impartiality and confidentiality and be able to assess the merits of quilts whether or not they appeal to them.
2. Be familiar with current trends, literature and guidelines for judging.
3. Have a broad experience in all areas of patchwork and quilting.
4. Judges should not have entries in the show that they are judging.
5. Be aware that standards of workmanship may vary between shows, and that the organisers must guide the judge, with regard to the granting of awards or not.

The judge may not be required to provide sponsorship or quilt prizes.

The judge should not accrue personal costs including meals, accommodation or travel costs. (QGSA will reimburse petrol costs after the first 50 km of travel.)

It should not be expected of the judge to provide a trunk show or the role of guest speaker.

A group co coordinator may negotiate with the judge to provide additional services, like conducting a workshop during their time in the area. QGSA rates of payment then apply. Costs of teaching can also help the group to recover additional costs of the exhibition.

These points and suggestions are open for discussion.

## **Planning**

Please send a request for a judge or judges for an exhibition together with a completed application form to

The Judging Panel Coordinator

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Or phone: 0421 937 352 for address to post

**Application Form** - page 3 of this document



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### **Application: Judge / Judges for QGSA Affiliated Group Quilt Show**

1. Name of Group:
2. QGSA Group Membership number:
3. Name of Contact Person:
4. Email address:
5. Phone number:
6. Show or exhibition dates and times:
  
7. Show or Exhibition venue address:
  
8. Judging venue address:
  
9. Proposed Judging date:
10. Expected Judging commencement and finishing times:
11. Number of quilts to be judged:
12. Categories and number of quilts per category:
  
13. Special awards: