



Mineola League of the Arts Quilt Show

October 9-10, 2026

Celebrating 250 years of Stars and Stripes

Show Rules and Entry Instructions

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All entry forms, photos, and entry fees must be received by 11 am Thursday, October 1, 2026

ENTRY FEE:

- \$8.00 per quilt (**non-refundable**). **\$4.00 for youth entries.** There is no charge for quilts entered for display only.
- * Entry forms may be delivered in person or mailed to:
Mineola League of the Arts
200 West Blair
Mineola, TX 75773
- * Payment must accompany the entry form.
- * Make checks payable to Mineola League of the Arts or MLOTA.
- * Forms can be downloaded from our website: <https://mlota.org>
- * If you have questions, call the League at (903) 569-8877 or email: mlota@peoplescom.net

ENTRY FORM

- * Entry forms are available on the MLOTA website: <http://mlota.org>
- * A separate form must be used for each quilt entered.
- * Due to space limitations, approximately 100 quilts will be accepted.
If entries exceed this number, participants who enter numerous quilts may be asked to limit their entries.
- * Please keep a copy of each entry form to be used to pick up your quilt(s).
- * A 3" X 5" color photo must accompany each entry. Print your name and the name of the quilt on the back of each photo.
A photo of the work in progress is acceptable as long as the color scheme and overall design are recognizable.

QUILT DELIVERY

- * Quilts are to be folded RIGHT-SIDE-OUT.
- * Deliver entries to *Mineola League of the Arts, 200 West Blair, Mineola, Texas 75773* between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM on Saturday, October 3, 2026, unless prior arrangements have been made for early delivery.
- * If you will be shipping your quilts, please contact the League for mailing instructions.
Each entrant will receive a claim ticket at the drop off with instructions for pick up after the show. The claim ticket must be presented to have your quilt(s) returned. Photo ID is also accepted.

QUILT PICK-UP

- * The show will end at 4:00 on Saturday, October 10, 2026. Entries may be picked up between 5:00 PM and 6:00 PM.
- * Please bring your copy of each entry form for identification purposes.
- * **ALL ENTRIES MUST REMAIN ON DISPLAY FOR THE ENTIRE SHOW.**

QUILT PREPARATION

- * All quilts should be "Quilt Show Ready". The Guild defines this as clean, in good condition, free of animal hair, and free of odors.
- * Quilts must have an open-ended 4" hanging sleeve sewn to the back of the quilt at the top.
If longer than 110" a second sleeve must be sewn to hang at 90". No pinning of sleeve or rings will be allowed.
Miniatures must have a 2" sleeve. Exceptions include antique quilts, and home décor items, such as table runners, bags, wearables and pillows.
- * Entries must have a fabric identification label attached to the lower corner of the back of the quilt. This should include the entrant's name and title of the entry. Please include a tag on non-quilt items. Cover the label.

ENTRY GUIDELINES

- * All items in the show must be quilted. Quilting is defined as a stitch that passes through all three layers: top, batting/filling, and back. Quilting stitches should therefore be visible on both sides of the quilt. Please designate the name of the quilter on the entry form.
- * Exceptions include Cathedral Window Quilts, Crazy Quilts, Yo-Yo Quilts, felting, or other methods recognized as historically correct for the technique represented.
- * Quilts may not have been entered in the MLOTA Quilt Show in the past five years.



- * In judged categories the **majority** of the actual piecing, applique, and/or quilting must be the work of the entrant. Quilts that do not meet these criteria may be entered in Category 1300—Display Only.
- * Entries may be offered for sale with the owner setting their price. The League consignment fee is 30% of the sale price. All sales must be processed through Mineola League of the Arts. Checks should be to: Mineola League of the Arts. Purchased quilts must be paid for and picked up on Saturday, October 10 between 5:00 PM and 6:00 PM.

QUILT CATEGORIES

Show Theme: Celebrating 250 Years of Stars and Stripes. (Patriotic colors, symbols, or theme. We are a non-profit organization so Please NO political statements.) (Quilt may be entered in both the show theme and a numerical category.) Any size quilt may be used if it goes with the theme. May or may not be an original design.

- 100 **Handwork:** If at least 50% of the quilt's design elements is done by hand (hand applique, hand embroidery, hand piecing, candlewicking, broderie peers, hand quilting, etc.)
- 200 **Small Quilts** (up to 40" width on the sleeve side)
- 300 **Medium** (over 40" in width up to and including 65" on sleeve side, quilts larger than 60" in length but not more than 80")
- 400 **Large Bed Quilts** (Over 65" on sleeve side and 80" in length) *please see note in quilt preparation for quilts over 110"
- 500 **Special Techniques:** machine applique or embroidery, trapunto, yo-yo, cathedral windows, crazy quilts, dimensional quilts, machine quilted whole cloth, felting, painted quilts, etc. making up a significant portion of the design.
- 600 **Beginners:** must be one of the first three quilts you completed
- 700 **Art Quilts:** Entries in this category are of a unique design thought and executed by the entrant. NO patterns or derivatives of a pattern are accepted.
- 800 **Miniature Quilts:** entries in this category are reduced in scale/size to 25% of a normal pattern in every respect, piecing, applique, quilting, borders and binding. No size limit but must be one quarter scale.
- 900A **Youth—Youth entrant** must have completed work between 7-11 years of age.
- 900B **Youth—Youth entrant** must have completed work between 12-15 years of age
- 900C **Youth – Youth entrant** must have completed work between 16-21 years of age.
- 1000 **Quilted Clothing** – item must be quilted and able to be worn by a human or an animal or a doll/stuffed animal.
- 1100 **Home Décor** – Items must be quilted and decorative for the home in some way. Includes: table runners, pillows, stuffed animals, dolls, tree skirts, mantle dressings, etc.
- 1200 **Quilted Bags** – Items must be quilted and have an opening and space available for holding items. This includes bags, zippered bags, totes, stockings, quilted bowls, cosmetic bags, etc.
- 1300 **Display Only and Antiques**—This category is NOT judged and there is no charge to enter items in this category. If space is an issue, quilts will be removed from this category to make room for judged quilts. Collectors may submit a quilt they did not make themselves, antique quilt, family quilt, etc.
- 1400 **SHOW THEME: Celebrating 250 years of Stars and Stripes** Entries in this category can also be entered in another category.

NOTE: The show committee reserves the right to redefine categories based on the number of entries.
Final decisions regarding category will be made by the show chairs

* Entries should be "family friendly", MLOTA reserves the right to refuse any deemed not appropriate.

AWARDS

Ribbons will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd and Honorable Mention in each category at the discretion of the NACQJ Certified Judge, Jackie Ruffing.

Rosette Ribbons Awarded to:

Best of Show Winner: awarded by Jackie Ruffing (also receives a \$100 gift card from a local Quilt shop)

People's Choice Ribbon: Popular vote awarded Saturday Afternoon (also receives a \$100 gift card from a local quilt shop)

Special Awards Include:

Meredith Foundation: decided by a member of the Meredith Foundation Board

MLOTA Memorial: League members only voting. Only League Members are eligible.

Mayor's Choice: Decided by the Mayor of Mineola or a representative from that office

Judge's Choice: Awarded by Jackie Ruffing

Fiber Arts Award: decided by a member of the MLOTA Fiber Arts group.

Mineola League of the Arts Treasure Room

The Treasure Room Sale is held in room 2 during the show and is stocked with donated sewing items both new and gently used items. Items are sold at very reasonable prices. Profits from the Treasure room benefit both the Quilt Guild and the Mineola League of the Arts. Donations are very much appreciated. An individual who has sewing items to donate to our treasure room sale please contact the League office before September 15.

Mineola League of The Arts Gift Shop

MLOTA members may sell their handiwork, craft items, or fine art in the Gift Shop, held in room 6 during the show. If you are interested in putting items in the sale room, contact the office by Sept 15 for details.

- * 30% of the sale price will be donated to MLOTA. 70% will be paid to the member/maker at the end of the show. Tabulations by our business office. (Please allow one week after the show for this to be calculated.)



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