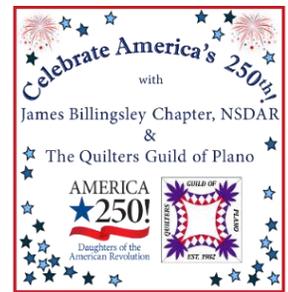




Quilt Plano 2026

Celebrate America 250!

Category Information



Show Dates – August 14-15, 2026

Registration Deadline – June 11, 2026

To honor the Semiquincentennial celebration of the United States, the Quilters Guild of Plano announces a special judged category for the **Quilt Plano 2026** show sponsored by the James Billingsley Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution.



Quilt entries must clearly exhibit a **CELEBRATION of the 250th Anniversary of America's Liberty.**

Dazzle us with your patriotism, letting your love of quilting and America merge into a quilt that will honor the United States of America's history and citizens!

Inspiration for these entries will include patriotic themes, events in American History (any period since the Revolutionary War), national milestones or achievements, quilts of valor, civil war replica quilts, and an expression of the makers love for our country. See theme details below.

“500 - Master, Artisan, Youth, Celebrate America 250!” Category:

- **General Registration Information:** See the General Registration Information for information on submission notes, all categories, fees, judging and awards, entry definitions, class definitions, important dates, drop-off and pick up at the following link: https://www.qgplano.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/QP2026_Judged_Entries_Registration_Information_FINAL.pdf
- **Category Name:** “500 - Master, Artisan, Youth, Celebrate America 250!”
- **Eligible Classes:** Master, Artisan, Youth
- **Category Theme:** A quilt that represents the category theme of celebrating the 250th Anniversary of the Independence of the United States and expressing the makers love for our country (see Celebrate America 250! Category Information Packet). A quilt constructed, quilted, and bound by one or more person. A quilt that is more than 30” and less than or equal to 100” on the longest side. A quilt made using any combination of the following techniques: machine piecing, hand piecing, wholecloth, red work, hand embroidery, digitized machine embroidery, hand applique, machine applique, flag designs, collage, and painting. Art, Modern, and Youth entries are welcome (see quilt entry information above). Quilts depicting current political issues or protest will not be accepted.
- **Construction Techniques:** A quilt that represents the category theme of celebrating the 250th Anniversary of the Independence of the United States and expressing the makers love for our country. A quilt constructed, quilted, and bound by one or more person. A quilt made using any combination of the following techniques: machine piecing, hand piecing, wholecloth, red work,

hand embroidery, digitized machine embroidery, hand applique, machine applique, collage, and painting. Art, Modern, and Youth entries are welcome (see quilt entry information above). In addition miniature quilts, quilts made from pre-cut kits, clothing, soft sculpture, un-quilted tops, cheater blocks, tied quilts, and quilts made from printed panels may not be entered in the America 250! category. Quilts depicting current political issues or protest will not be accepted

- **Civil War Quilt Replicas:** The Quilt Plano 2026 Show committee strongly recommends the use of authentic reproductions fabric for constructing Quilts designed as Civil War Quilt replicas.
- **Quilt of Valor Entries:**
Quilt of Valor quilts are specific to the Quilt of Valor Foundation project. Learn more about the program and its requirements at <https://www.govf.org>. Please note there are also specific requirements for Quilt of Valor entries to the Show.



- Materials used must include excellent quality, 100% cotton fabric (avoid juvenile, gender or branch specific fabrics), and quality, low loft batting such as cotton, cotton blends, polyester or polyester blends.
 - Patterns and blocks can be of any design suitable for a patriotic theme.
 - Double fold, also known as French Fold, binding is recommended for durability. Hand stitch or neatly machine stitch binding.
 - All Quilt of Valor quilts entered will be donated to the QGP Quilt of Valor Committee to be presented to an Active Duty or Veteran service member.
 - A Quilt of Valor will NOT have a sleeve attached.
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 - A Quilt of Valor must be machine or hand quilted. Double fold, also known as French Fold, binding is recommended for durability. Hand stitch or neatly machine stitch binding. A tied Quilt of Valor Quilts will not be accepted.
 - A Quilt of Valor is to be large enough to cover an average-sized adult, with an ideal size approximately 60" x 80." Finished size can be no smaller than 55" x 65" and no larger than 72" x 90."
- **Two-sided Quilt:** Two-sided quilts will not be displayed in the Celebrate America 250! Category.
 - **Design:** Please list the book or pattern used to make your quilt so that the designer may get credit for his/her work. If you make up your own design, or if you use a traditional block and design an original setting not taken from someone else's work, then it is considered an original design.
 - **Measurements of Quilt:** A quilt that is more than 30" and less than or equal to 100" on the longest side Width (side to side) and length (top to bottom) as it is to be hung. For example, a pictorial quilt that is to be hung horizontally might have its longer side as the width.
 - **Sleeve:** Quilts of Valor in the Celebrate America 250! Category will **NOT** have a sleeve. All other entries must have a 4" finished sleeve. All sleeves should be stitched down on both long edges. Entries without properly applied sleeves will not be accepted. If your quilt is less than 90" on the longest side, only one sleeve is required. If your quilt is longer than 90", a sleeve should be placed at the top of the quilt and the top of a second sleeve is to be placed 86" from the bottom of the quilt, to ensure that the quilt will not touch the floor when on display. The quilt will be hung from the top sleeve for judging, then moved to the lower sleeve for display during the show.

- **Label: Quilts** of Valor in the Celebrate America 250! must **NOT** have a label attached. A Quilt of Valor label will be attached when the quilt is awarded. Quilt of Valor entries with quilt labels will not be accepted. All other quilts entered in this category will have a label that should include the name of the quilt, the top makers names and the quilters name. Labels are to be sewn in the lower left-hand corner, looking at the back of the quilt. Entries (except Quilt of Valor entries) without labels will not be accepted.
- **Number of Entries:** Maximum number of that may be entered per person in the Celebrate America 250! Category 1, the total number of quilt entries per person in the Quilt Plano 2026 show is 4.
- **Entry Form:** Entry Form must be completed online at: www.qgplano.org/quilt-entries/
- **Color Photo:** A photo of the completed quilt top (need not be quilted for the photo) must be uploaded when you complete the entry process online. This must be a photo of the actual top. The photo should be at least 4"x6" and 350 dpi. Accepted file types: jpg, jpeg, png, pdf, heic, Max. file size: 5 MB.
- **Create Date:** All quilts entered in judged categories must have been completed within the last two years and may not have been entered for judging in any previous Quilt Plano show.
- **Quilt Release:** Quilts must remain on display for the entire show – NO early releases. Quilts must be clean and in good condition, free of animal hair and smoke.

Judging and Awards:

- All quilts in the Celebrate America 250! category will receive a judge's critique free of charge. The number and type of ribbons awarded are at the discretion of the Judges. Judges award a ribbon to the quilt, not the maker(s); therefore, there will be only one ribbon per award.
- Cash prizes will be awarded to the following ribbon winners:

America 250! Special Category Awards	
Ribbon Award	Cash Prize
First Place	\$75.00
Second Place	\$50.00
Third Place	\$25.00
Honorable Mention	no cash prize
President's Choice	\$25.00
Regent's Choice	\$25.00
Mayor's Choice	\$25.00
Best of Category: Celebration	\$25.00
Best of Category: Quilt of Valor	\$25.00
Best of Category: Historical	\$25.00
Best of Category: Creativity	\$25.00

For questions, additional information, or shipping instructions, please call or email
 Show Entries Chair – Tisha Harms showregistration@qgplano.org or tisha.harms@gmail.com or
 214-316-5066 (cell).