

Las Colcheras Quilt Guild Presents a Quilt Challenge:



By George! - the 2011 Las Colcheras Quilt Guild President's Challenge is issued to all members of the quilting community in New Mexico and El Paso County, Texas. The theme of this challenge, *By George!*, presents the exciting possibility for a wide variety of interpretations. In addition, the Challenge kit contains two unique pieces of fabric, pieces from the George Mendoza Collection, which was first unveiled at the 2009 International Quilt Exhibit in Houston. George Mendoza, a well-known Las Cruces artist, is becoming a friend of quilters everywhere through his fascinating fabric.

The Challenge will end on January 29, 2011. The quilts will be judged by an NQA Certified Judge and then will be exhibited at a Las Cruces venue the month of February 2011.

Challenge Rules:

1. A challenge kit must be purchased (\$10 for LCQG members, \$15 for all others). The challenge kit will contain the two challenge fabrics. The purchase price includes the quilt's entry into the collection's exhibit.
2. A recognizable amount of each fabric must be used in the quilt. Any number of additional fabrics may be used.
3. The size of the quilt must be - no side smaller than 24" nor larger than 50".
4. The quilt may be pieced, appliquéd, embroidered, embellished or any combination of techniques. It may be hand or machine quilted or both and the stitches must be visible on the back of the quilt.
5. The quilt must have a 4" sleeve on the back. No entries with frames or glass will be accepted. If special hanging devices are necessary, prior approval is required.
6. The label on the back must include the name of the quilt and the name of the quilter.
7. The quilt must be the original work of one person only, and only one entry per person is allowed.
8. The artist's statement relating the quilt to the theme must accompany the quilt on an entry form that will be forwarded to you by November 15. The form will include information about in-person and by-mail Quilt Entry.
9. As it is important to the exhibit venue, November 15 is an opt-out date. If you have purchased a kit, you will be contacted at that time to confirm that you will be entering a quilt. There will be no refunds should you decide to not enter.
10. *American Quilter* is proposing a book about this Challenge and the use of George Mendoza's fabrics. Quilts chosen for inclusion in this publication must be available for photographing by the publisher at dates yet to be determined. Potential buyers of any quilts-for-sale will be so informed during the exhibit.
11. The top three quilts will be awarded rosettes and cash awards in the amount of \$300, \$150, and \$100. Rosettes will be awarded to Honorable Mention quilts.

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Kits are available: Las Colcheras Quilt Guild Meetings and in Las Cruces Quilt Shops. To order by mail, send money for the kit fee plus \$3.00 for S & H to LCQG, P. O. Box 15181, Las Cruces NM 88004.