



Judy Taylor

National Association Certified Quilt Judges

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I believe I am qualified for this responsibility based upon the following:

- I am certified by the National Association of Certified Quilt Judges (NACQJ and the National Quilting Association (NQA). As such, I possess in-depth knowledge of design, workmanship, quilting, and judging. I am prepared, qualified and have the experience to judge local, regional and national quilt shows
- I have completed the requirements to evaluate quilts submitted for Master Quilt consideration
- I have completed the requirements to teach the NACQJ Two Day Introduction to Judging Course
- I have judged more than 10,000 quilts on a local, regional, national basis and international basis
- I am an award winning longarm quilter with more than 14 years experience
- My quilting can be found on more than 45 award winning personal and customer quilts

Background

Since 2006, Judy Taylor has judged approximately 10,000 quilts and aided at shows reflecting more than 5,000 quilts. She has judged on a local, regional, national, and international level and prides herself on always providing constructive, meaningful, and supportive judging comments.

Judy's began her own long arm business in 2002 and by the end of her first seven years, she had quilted more than 1,280 customer quilts. She has tracked the wins of her customers, and to date her quilting can be found on more than 45 award winning quilts. She currently teaches and lectures on all aspects of judging and longarm quilting. Judy's primary focus is on longarm classes for beginning quilters; instilling in them a love of the art form and a passion to pursue their craft to the fullest

Being an NACQJ and NQA Certified Judge allows Judy to pursue her passion and joy for all things quilting, especially seeing what quilters are doing in other parts of the country. She lives in Scottsdale, AZ with her husband Glen and their Scottish terrier, Dylan. In their spare time, Judy and her husband love to travel in their motorhome and always visit quilt shops along the way.

Judging and Aiding Experience

Judging

Trinity Valley Quilters Guild – Ft. Worth, TX – 2016

Las Vegas Quilters Guild – Las Vegas, NV- 2016
Carson City Quilt Guild – Carson City, NV – 2016
Tucson Quilters Guild – Tucson, AZ – 2016
Nebraska State Fair – Grand Island, NE - 2015
Hot Springs Quilters Quilt – Hot Springs, AR - 2015
Best of the Valley Quilt Show – Tulare, CA - 2015
Edmond Quilt Guild – Edmond, OK, 2014
Omaha Quilters Guild – Omaha, NE - 2014
Machine Quilters Showcase – 2013, 2014 –Wichita, KN
Sew Batik Challenge – 43rd Annual National Quilting Association Quilt Show, Columbus, OH - 2012
Boise Basin Quilters Guild – Boise, ID – 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015
Northern New Mexico Quilters Guild – Santa Fe, NM – 2012
Coastal Prairie Quilt Guild – Houston, TX – 2012, 2014, 2016
Greater Houston Quilters Guild, Houston, TX – 2011, 2-15
Clark County Quilters Guild – Vancouver, WA - 2010, 2011
Queen Valley Scrap Rats – Queen Valley, AZ - 2010
Friendship Quilters and Fiber Arts Quilt Show – Sun City, AZ - 2009
Rim Country Round-Up – Payson, AZ - 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2016
Kingman Quilters Guild Quilt Show – Kingman, AZ - 2008, 2009, 2011
Pacific International Quilt Festival – Santa Clara, CA - 2008
Expressions in Fiber II – Payson, AZ - 2008
Maricopa County Fair – Phoenix, AZ - 2008, 2009
Hummingbird Stitchers Quilt Show – Sierra Vista, AZ - 2008, 2009, 2013, 2014
Cotton Patchers Quilt Guild Quilt Show – Coolidge, AZ - 2008
Arizona State Fair – Phoenix, AZ - 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011
Coconino County Fair – Flagstaff, AZ - 2007, 2010
Arizona Longarm Quilters Quilt Show – Scottsdale, AZ - 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012
Apache County Fair – St. Johns, AZ - 2006, 2007
Gila County Fair – Globe, AZ - 2006
Navajo County Fair – Holbrook, AZ - 2006

Aiding

Arizona Quilters Guild - 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010 – Scribe/ Holder/Fanner/Reader
National Quilting Association - 2007, 2008, 2009, 2011, 2012 – Scribe/Holder/Fanner/Reader
Home Machine Quilters Show - 2007, Scribe
Machine Quilters Showcase - 2010, Scribe
Tucson Quilters Guild - 2007, 2008, 2009 - Scribe
Pacific Northwest Quilters Association Quilt Show, Tacoma, WA 2011 – Scribe

Awards and Recognitions

National Quilting Association – Honorable Mention – Wall-Small, 2012
National Quilting Association – 3rd place, Other (Wholecloth) - 2012
American Quilter’s Society – Quilted entry that was juried into competition - 2012
Pacific West Quilt Show - Juried into Competition - 2011

Arizona Quilters Guild – 2nd Place, Wholecloth - 2011
Arizona Longarm Quilters Guild – Viewer’s Choice - 2010
The National Quilting Association – 2nd Place, Duet Wall - 2010
Arizona Quilters Guild – Honorable Mention, Mixed Technique - 2010
Arizona Longarm Quilters Guild – Viewer’s Choice - 2009
Arizona Quilters Hall of Fame Recognition Award - 2009
Arizona Quilters Guild – 3rd Place, Mixed Technique - 2009
Arizona Quilters Guild – First Place, Mixed Technique – 2007
Arizona State Fair – First Place – Wall Hanging – 2006
Arizona State Fair – First Place, Pieced - 2006
Arizona Quilters Guild – Third Place – Mixed Technique – 2006

Affiliations:

National Quilting Association - President (2010-2012), President Elect (2009-2010)
National Quilting Association Annual Quilt Show Chair (2012) - Under contract for 2013-2014 shows
National Quilting Association Annual Quilt Show Registrar (2008, 2009)
Arizona Quilters Guild - President (2008-2009)
Arizona Quilters Guild Quilt Show Chair (2008, 2010)
Arizona Quilters Guild Quilt Show, Judging Room Coordinator (2007, 2009)
Arizona Quilters Hall of Fame - Vice President (2009-2011), Charter Member
Arizona Longarm Quilters - Treasurer (2003-2005), President (2006)
International Machine Quilters Association
American Quilters Society

About Judging and the Importance of Being an NACQJ and NQA Certified Judge

Judy Taylor is certified by the National Quilting Association, Inc. and the National Association of Certified Quilt Judges. To achieve this certification, she had to successfully undertake and pass:

- an intense, self-directed study program on all aspects of design, workmanship and quilting
- write a response to questions, so in-depth they are considered a thesis on quilting
- a panel review in front of three NQA Certified Judges. This panel included a question and answer phase, questions regarding complexity of design and degree of difficulty and mock judging.

Being certified by NQACJ and NACQJ assures the show sponsor that the judge possesses an in-depth knowledge of design, workmanship and quilting. It also establishes a standard of professionalism and consistency that qualifies the NQACJ and NACQJ to judge local, regional and national quilt shows.

As an NQACJ and NACQJ Judge:

- Abides by both organizations Code of Ethics
- Provides meaningful and constructive judging comments that encourage a quilter to improve upon their workmanship, artistry and creativity.
- Stays abreast of new trends, techniques and quilting styles by taking continuing education classes in a variety of genres, attending quilt shows on a local, regional and national basis, and subscribing to a variety of quilt related magazines.

Judging Philosophy:

Whether judging traditional quilts, art/innovative quilts, or wearable art, it is the role and responsibility of the NQACJ and NACQJ to be fair, impartial and completely free of bias and opinion of her/his own likes and/or dislikes. It is also the Judge's responsibility to perform her/his duties in a professional manner, always being respectful of both the quilt maker and the quilt.