

Quilt Show Challenge 2021 Rules “Florida Limelights”

1. This category **WILL be judged and will not count as one of your 3 quilt entries.**
2. Quilt MUST be **24” by 24” square.** Any entry with more than ½” deviation in any direction will be judged and hung in the show, however, it will be ineligible for a ribbon. Orientation MUST be straight, NOT on-point!
3. Quilt may exhibit **any method**; piecing, appliqué, paper piecing, embroidery, etc. or any style such as pictorial, traditional, etc. Any combination of techniques is acceptable. Embellish as you like, however, be aware quilts will be stacked and extraordinary care cannot be provided.
4. Quilt MUST be **hand or machine quilted by the entrant.** Quilting by another is NOT allowed. Quilting should secure the three layers of the piece.
5. **NO false backs allowed.** Quilting must be visible on the back. See general rules.
6. Quilt MUST have **traditional (double or single fold) binding** for a uniform display appearance. Envelope finishes, facings, prairie points, etc. are prohibited.
7. Quilt MUST include a **3” to 4” hanging sleeve** as per general show rules.
8. Quilt **label MUST be completely covered** and meet general show rules.
9. Quilt MUST **use a recognizable piece (at least 2” square/circle) of the “Challenge Fabric” on the face of the quilt.** It does not have to be all one piece, but must add up to a 2” size! Viewers and judge must be able to readily recognise the challenge fabric. Using the fabric in the binding, backing or simply as background is allowed but does NOT qualify as “use of the fabric.” Using the fabric in borders does NOT qualify unless it is used in a quilting technique such as pieced flying geese or prairie points which enhances the quilt’s subject or style. Fabric is **ISLAND BATIKS TORTOISE SHELL**, I have a limited amount of extra fabric or you may purchase more.
10. Quilt may **NOT contain a Current Florida Amusement Park or any part/character of a Current Amusement Park (eg Disney -park or characters, 6 Flags, Universal, Sea World, etc).** You may use old closed parks, any roadside attractions, any historic museums, houses, statues, buildings, forts, any state or national parks, any Florida agriculture or wildlife, etc but not any Amusement parks currently open. (Amusement park is defined as for profit, containing rides and/or water parks.)

11. Quilt may **NOT simply be a Beach Scene**. It may contain water as it applies to a city, bridge, animal or something that supports the theme of the quilt but no generic beach scenes like sailboats and sun. Talk to Pat Brettschneider if you have a question.
12. Quilt may be any subject that supports the exhibit theme “Florida Limelights.” The Title of your quilt MUST reflect what is portrayed in the quilt so viewers know what your Limelight moment is. For example, a pieced State block should have a title such as “Florida Civil War State Block.” **NO quilt may contain “Florida Limelights” in its title or it will be disqualified for a ribbon.**
13. All quilts will be screened at take-in to confirm compliance with all show rules.
14. **New ribbons** will be awarded for “Best Depiction of Theme” and “Best Use of Challenge Fabric”

Any questions should be directed to Pat Brettschneider at:

patbrettschneider@hotmail.com or 941-467-4020. Please contact her for clarification before you begin working on your entry.

Please remember this is a COMMITMENT to the exhibit. If you are unable to complete your entry, please contact Pat for help. Do not wait until the last minute! Let Pat know if you are experiencing problems as soon as they happen. We only accept 50 registrations so be fair to everyone and don't sign up if you are not committed to completing this challenge.

A few places to look for inspiration:

1. <https://www.etsy.com/listing/636179428/florida-roadside-tourist-attractions> This book is available from several sources and is probably in the public library.
2. Google movies/books made or written in Florida
3. <https://www.floridastateparks.org/>
4. <https://www.nps.gov/state/fl/index.htm>
5. <https://www.floridamemory.com/exhibits/timeline/>
6. http://www.wildflorida.com/florida_wildlife.php