

2012 Ultimate Guild Challenge

“Birds of a Feather”



Birds of a feather flock together. The idea of "like seeks like" dates from ancient Greek times, and "birds dwell with their kind" is quoted in the apocryphal book of Ecclesiasticus. Using this proverb as your inspiration, create a quilt that depicts your interpretation of the theme. *Some ideas to consider: Do only birds hang out together? What about people, objects, etc.? Think of all the traditional quilt blocks with "bird" names...Feathered Star, Hens & Chicks, Flying Geese, etc. Let your imagination soar!*

Rules

Here are the parameters that you need to consider while designing your quilt:

1. Size must be 40" x 52", plus or minus 4" in either direction, in a vertical orientation.
2. Your quilt can be pieced, appliquéd, embellished, embroidered, or any combination.
3. No birds are required but the quilt must have a feather on it somewhere. The feather can be pieced, appliquéd, quilted, felted, beaded, embroidered, etc. You can have more than one feather if you wish.
4. While more than one person can work on a quilt, any one person can only be included ONCE in the total set of guild entries -- this includes the quilter.
5. Sleeve requirements are established by AQS and can be found on the guild website under "About Us".
6. Please label your entry with your name, quilt name, and guild name on the back of the quilt.

An additional benefit of this challenge is to have a group of eight quilts to send to the American Quilters Society (AQS) Ultimate Guild Challenge. This is an opportunity to show off our guild to a larger audience and to win ourselves some serious money. In 2007 our Guild won the first place prize of \$1,500, and our 2009 challenge won third place prize of \$750!!! If accepted, our guild quilts will hang in the July 2012 AQS Show in Knoxville.

Now, about deadlines!!!!

Due date is the January guild meeting: Jan. 16, 2012. The quilt must be finished and present at the guild meeting. All quilts will be taken home by the co-chairs and will be judged by an impartial, non-member of the guild. The judge will decide which 8 quilts will be entered into the AQS Knoxville show. Co-chairs are Patty D. and Phyllis H. If you have questions, call or email us (check your membership roster or the membership list for their email addresses and phone numbers -- or email the website at challenge@lakeviewquiltersguild.org - your emails will be forwarded to Patty and Phyllis).

NOTE: When you submit your entry, it **must** have a sleeve that meets the AQS requirements. Find them on our website under "About Us."