



Guild Participation Information

March 14, 2026
Paroquet Springs Conference Centre
395 Paroquet Springs Drive
Shepherdsville, KY 40165

At Quilters' Day Out our mission is to unite, showcase, and impact the quilting community in and around Louisville, Kentucky. We invite you to join us in celebration of National Quilting Month at our annual "Gathering of the Guilds". Below, please find some basic guidelines for Guild participation:

Guild Booth Participation

- **Booth Options** Please let us know on the application sheet which booth options you prefer:
 1. Up to two 8' tables (space permitting) and pipe and drape section(s) for an attended booth
 2. One 8' table and pipe and drape section for an unattended booth
 3. Or flyers only on a community table.
- **Quilts for your guild display** For Booth Options 1 & 2 (as listed above) pipe and drape structure / backdrop will be provided, giving you hanging space to display your quilts. NO pins can be used in the venue drapes to hang your quilts or signage. We recommend using pants clip hangers to hang from the pipe. If you would like to be able to pin into a backdrop for display purposes, you will need to provide your own backdrop for the pipe structure (like a dark color queen size flat bed sheet). This year's QDO Challenge theme is "**Panels**", if you wish to incorporate it into your display.
- **Display a large sign** with the name of your guild to identify who you are.
- **Handouts or flyers** with more information about your guild's meeting dates, times, location, activities, upcoming programs, charity projects, website, contact information, etc.
- **Demos** of small, easy projects are encouraged. Consider how you might show a simple technique, quilt block ideas, sewing tips, creative tools, or advice for beginners.
- **Interactive game, activity, or giveaway** This is completely optional, but consider ways to engage and excite attendees. For example, in the past, guilds have held a fat quarter toss or sewing/quilting sticker giveaways.
- Don't forget an extension cord or power strip should you need electricity for a sewing machine or other demo.
- Please note: out of respect to our Vendors, no items can be for sale or sold in the Guild Room.

Door Prize Basket

Each guild is asked to provide a Door Prize Basket. New (or unused) quilt related items are suggested. The total value should be at least \$100.00. A ticket container for the drawing will be provided for each guild at the Door Prize Table. Please provide a typed list of the contents of the basket along with your Guild name to be posted on the outside of the basket. Please plan to drop off this completed basket at the Door Prize Table on Friday, March 13, 2026 by 4pm. If other arrangements need to be made, please contact Bernadette Hillman, Door Prize Basket Coordinator, for more information at (502) 544-7049 or BernadetteEHillman@gmail.com.

Grand Prize Basket

On July 4, 2026, our nation will commemorate and celebrate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. To celebrate this monumental occasion, the theme of our Grand Prize Basket will be a Patriotic inspired basket. Donations and contributions from the guilds and individuals are welcome. Please contact Bernadette Hillman, Door Prize Basket Coordinator, for more information at (502) 544-7049 or BernadetteEHillman@gmail.com.

Guild Challenge Showcase

NEW this year! Has your Guild recently held a challenge among your members? Maybe you challenged members to make something with a particular theme, a specific material, or a round robin? Quilters' Day Out would love to showcase your members' Challenge quilts! For more information, please contact Pamela Mattei, Guild Challenge Showcase Coordinator, and QDO Co-Chair, at QuiltersDayOut@hotmail.com.

Viewers' Choice Quilt Challenge

Attendees are encouraged to enter a quilt into the QDO Quilt Challenge. This year's theme is "Panels". The challenge application is due no later than Saturday, January 31, 2026, but the quilt does not have to be completed until March 13, 2026. You will find more information about the Quilt Challenge and application form, visit: www.QuiltersDayOut.com/2026-challenge.html

Viewers' Choice Quilt Block Challenge

Attendees are encouraged to enter a block into the QDO Quilt Block Challenge. This year's theme is "Anything Goes." The challenge application is due no later than Saturday, January 31, 2026, but the block does not have to be completed until March 13, 2026. You will find more information about the Quilt Block Challenge and application form, visit: www.QuiltersDayOut.com/2026-challenge.html.

Charity for 2026

This year we are inviting guilds, individuals, shops, and vendors to make quilts to donate to the local fire stations to raffle off and help raise money for their annual fundraising campaign for the WHAS Crusade for Children. Quilters' Day Out and the guilds will not be involved in selling raffle tickets. This will be for the fire stations and WHAS Crusade for Children. These quilts will be presented to the fire stations in a ceremony during Quilters' Day Out. For more information, visit: www.quiltersdayout.com/2026-charity.html. If you have any questions, please contact Vivian Armstrong, Charity Coordinator and QDO Co-Chair, at (502) 439-2830 or vivian.b.armstrong@gmail.com.

Sponsor / Donate

Putting on an event of this nature isn't cheap and year after year expenses continue to rise. We continue to strive to make our event bigger and better each year so that we can have a greater impact on the quilting community in and around Louisville. The Quilters' Day Out welcomes any guild, organization, company or individual who wishes to sponsor our event or make a financial or door prize donation to offset expenses. For more information on ways you could make a financial contribution and impact on our event, visit: www.quiltersdayout.com/2026-sponsors.html. If you have any questions, please contact Pamela Mattei, Sponsor / Donor Coordinator and QDO Co-Chair at QuiltersDayOut@hotmail.com.

Volunteer

The QDO Committee is a team of volunteers, and it truly takes a village to make this event happen! We invite and encourage each Guild to appoint a representative to attend QDO Committee meetings to offer input, get the latest updates to take back to your Guild, and to rally the support of your members for a variety of tasks we need help with the weekend of and in the months leading up to our event. For more information, please contact Pamela Mattei, QDO Co-Chair at QuiltersDayOut@hotmail.com.

Social Media

We would love for your Guild and your members to follow us on social media and help us to spread the word about our event:

Facebook: www.Facebook.com/QuiltersDayOut

Instagram: www.Instagram.com/QuiltersDayOut

Facebook Event Page: www.Facebook.com/events/1730389394271614

Sewing / Quilting Magazines, Books & Patterns

If your members have any Sewing / Quilting Magazines, Books & Patterns they wish to donate to the community giveaway tables, our attendees would love to give them a new home. Bring them with you on March 13 or 14, 2026.

Important Information for Guilds

- The Guild Booth application must be submitted no later than Saturday, January 31, 2026.
- Admission is \$10. Attendees are invited to make a donation for our chosen charity as well.
- A breakfast/lunch café will be available on site in the Vendor room area. Breakfast from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00, lunch from 10:00 to 2:00 p.m. The Conference Centre does not allow outside food to be brought in, so we request attendees not to bring a brown bag lunch.
- As a courtesy to our vendors, purchases and preview shopping will not be allowed before 9a.m.
- All information and forms can be found on our website: www.QuiltersDayOut.com.

Dates To Remember

January 31, 2026	*All Applications Due: Guild Booth Vendor Booth Quilt Challenge & Quilt Block Challenge
March 13, 2026	*Guild set-up encouraged: Friday, March 13, from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. *Guild Booth Door Prize Basket Drop Off: Friday, March 13, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. (the earlier, the better!)
March 14, 2026	*Additional Guild set-up time: Saturday, March 14, from 7:00-8:30 a.m. *All guild booths MUST be ready by 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 14. *Quilters' Day Out is open to the public from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. *You MUST keep your booth set up until closing at 3:00 p.m. Saturday afternoon. *Load-out 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**If additional information is needed, please contact the
Guild Room Coordinator, Carol Heil at: quilt5carol@gmail.com or
at (502) 367-0507 (home) or (502) 475-3356 (cell).**