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Massachusetts 4-HProgram

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Massachusetts State 4-H Senior Quilt Evaluation

All 4-H seniors are invited to participate in this state competitive quilt evaluation. The first part requires registration for the New England Center by July 15th followed by a separate deadline to enter the quilt for construction judging. On 4-H Day at the Eastern States Exposition the participant takes part in the New England Center orientation at 8 a.m., model practice, 2 fashion shows (11 am & 2 pm), and marching in the 5 p.m. Big E parade. Ribbons & awards are given following the second fashion show.

Who may enter:

- Currently enrolled Massachusetts 4-H senior members (14-18 years of age as of 1/1/17) in good standing

What may be entered:

- One quilt (top, filling, backing) that has been finished by the "tie" method or either hand or machine quilted
- All work must be done by the exhibitor (no commercially finished quilts allowed)
- Quilts must have been completed after 9/17/16
- Minimum size: 3600 square inches, such as 60" x 60" and 50" and 72"
- Original designs, commercial patterns, etc. are all eligible
- Level of difficulty should be appropriate for senior level competition

Refer to the MA 4-H Clothing and Textile policy guidelines for more information on senior judging at:
http://ag.umass.edu/sites/ag.umass.edu/files/pdf-doc-ppt/ma_4h_clothing_textiles_guidelines.pdf

Time Line:

July 15 – MA 4-H N.E. Center Registration Form and Big E Health Form postmarked due - for ordering NEC participant tickets, general registration for event(s), and dorm. Forms are found online at: http://ag.umass.edu/mass4h under "Forms & Applications" then "Big E Forms"

September 1 – Deadline to notify us & arrange delivery [E-mail: charlene@biblicalhousechurch.com]

Note: We encourage you to enter early September fairs, but it's then your responsibility to get your entry to state judging. If you plan to enter the Eastern States Creative Arts Festival we will retrieve your quilt from them.

Please put all of the items listed below in a plastic protective bag:

- Your quilt for evaluation
- Pattern directions: guide sheet from pattern company (document any changes you've made) or self-written instructions for original designs
- MA Senior Quilt Evaluation Entry Form with attachments

September 16 – Modeling and parade at the Eastern States Exposition (4-H Day) in West Springfield. Orientation at 8 a.m.

Registered participants will receive fair information and tickets in early September. All participants and their driver will receive free entry into the fair, free meals in the 4-H dormitory, and a free parking pass. For those who would like to stay overnight on Friday, 9/15, a 4-H dormitory is on the premises.

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One entry form for one quilt
Submit this 2-page form and attachments with quilt

Please complete the entire form, both sides

Name _____ 4-H Club _____

Address (street)_____ City/town_____ Zip code _____

Phone Number (include area code)_____email address_____

County/Region_____

Age as of 1/1/17 ____ # of Years Quilting ____ # Years in Senior Quilt Evaluation ____

Would you like to be a commentator at the MA State Fashion Show (9/16/17)? ___ Yes ___ No

Describe your quilt. Use the description from the pattern to help you.

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Quilt top Construction: ____ patchwork ___ appliqué ____ other, describe _____

Quilting Method: ____tied ____quilted by hand ____quilted by machine

Total cost of fabrics and sewing materials to make this quilt _____

If you were to purchase this quilt, where would you have purchased it? _____

How much would this quilt cost if purchased at the above location? _____

List some of the biggest challenges you faced in constructing this quilt _____

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What new sewing construction and textiles knowledge and skills did you acquire? _____

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Did you design your own quilt? How? _____

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- Attach a script to this form that can be used at the state Fashion Show (100 – 200 words). Balance your commentary with about 75% focused on your sewing project and 25% about you. Suggestions of things to include: something about yourself, name of your club, town, age, details of your quilt, fiber content and color, cost of quilt to make and savings, other 4-H activities and accomplishments, etc. Scripts are subject to editing.

- Include pattern directions (either from commercial pattern with any variations you have made or self-written instructions for original designs)

- On a separate piece of paper attach **one (1)** of the following:
  - Photocopy of picture from quilt instructions or book
  - Draw a detailed sketch of your quilt

- On a separate piece of paper attach a sample of all fabrics, batting, etc used. Label each piece as to where it was used in your quilt *and* its fiber content. (For prints, cut a large piece and fold before attaching.)

For Judges: Entry Number _____

Age as of Jan 1, 2017_____ # Years Quilting _____

Years entered in Senior 4-H Quilt Evaluation ____

<u>Check if included</u>:

Pattern Instructions ____

Quilt Sketch/Pattern Cover Picture ____

Sample of all fabrics, batting, etc labeled for Use and Fiber Content ____

ADVANCED 4-H CLOTHING AND TEXTILES PROJECT SCORE SHEET FOR STATE FASHION REVUE COMPETITION: QUILTS

Quilt ID # _____ Member age (1/1) _____ # years you have been quilting _____

Key: E = excellent; L = needs little improvement; S = needs some improvement; M = needs much improvement (circle appropriate evaluation)

		Comments
Overall Appearance 20% Item is clean, Edges lie flat—no ripples Threads are all clipped Pleasing to the eye: fabric choices, color combinations, textures, patterns, and added elements	**E** **L** **S** **M**	
Construction 40% Seams lay flat, no puckers Thread used is appropriate, doesn't show at seams. Corners match, Points meet, are not cut off Fabrics are appropriate in weight for design. Batting appears to lay flat. Backing is smooth.	**E** **L** **S** **M**	
Finishing Techniques 40% Hand Tied: Knots are tight and secure. Thread used is a complimentary color Spacing of knots is not more than a hand's width apart. Machine or Hand Quilted: Thread used is appropriate. Stitches are even length and evenly spaced. (tension) Quilting design enhances fabric &/or pieced design. Binding: No raw edges are showing. Securely fastened down. Corners are neat. No puckers.	**E** **L** **S** **M**	
Other Extra Consideration Level of difficulty Creativity &/or Originality		

Instructions: Members are required to include instructions, either commercial or self-written. Those without instructions will not be considered for awards, but may receive a Danish ribbon. Recommended Ribbon (circle): BLUE RED WHITE PARTICIPATION ONLY

Judge' Signature_____

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