

# GONZALES COUNTY AREA GO-TEXAN

## QUILT CONTEST RULES

HLSR \_\_\_\_\_ LOCAL \_\_\_\_\_ Antique \_\_\_\_\_

**MUST BE SUBMITTED** with the quilt:

Original entry form

Two color photos (4x6) of the quilt – (one with entry form & one with plastic bag at turn in)

\$20 entry fee

**DUE: On or before 9AM Thursday, October 5, 2017, at 621 St. Joseph St. Gonzales, TX 78629**

**Quilts will not be accepted after this date.** (Early entries call 979.229.7937 for drop off location)

### DISPLAY

Entries will be displayed at 621 St. Joseph Street, Gonzales Texas (the old Bealls building) **October 6<sup>th</sup> -- 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017**. The Gonzales County Area Go-Texan reserves the right to exhibit quilts as space and criteria permit. Only the name indicated on the entry form as the "quilt owner" will be displayed with the quilt.

### JUDGING

Quilts will be judged in the following five areas:

1. Overall Appearance - Condition of the quilt, neatness, pleasing feel, appearance, uniqueness, and relationship of borders to quilt
2. Workmanship - Accuracy of piecing or appliqué, quality of stitching, bindings and corners
3. Suitability / Color - Compatibility of materials to function and to each other, and design and color in relationship to intended use
4. Originality - Deviations of familiar patterns as well as total design
5. Design - Scale, placement, unity, distinctiveness, originality and relationship of quilting design

### AWARDS

Gonzales County Area Go Texan will award 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> on all 8 divisions as well as, Best Overall Hand Quilted, Best Overall Machine Quilted, and Best of Show

### ELIGIBILITY

Eligibility will be determined by Gonzales County Area Go Texan officials. Each quilt entry must be constructed within the geographical boundaries of Gonzales County within the past two years. Only one quilt entry per person per category will be allowed.

### CONTEST FORMAT

Quilt entries will be judged in a private session.

### RULES

1. Only colorfast fabrics that have been pre-shrunk are to be used in the quilts entered in the contest. Any fabric used should be no more than 50 percent synthetic fiber, including backing, except for crazy quilts. A quilt must consist of three layers: a backing, a batting and a top. *Note rule 9 for machine quilted.*
2. Double knits may not be used. No pre-printed quilt cloth (cheater cloth) may be used. Quilter's ink WILL be acceptable.
3. Quilt may be made either by an individual or by a group of quilters.
4. **Manufactured quilts will not be accepted.**
5. Quilts may not be entered in this contest more than one time.
6. Maximum size permitted: 85" x 90". Smaller quilts and wall hangings will be accepted (see rule 10 for wall hanging division size requirements). When measuring quilts, a metal tape measure should be used.
7. Quilts must be **clean and in good condition**. Soiled, stained or have an unpleasant odor quilts will be rejected.
8. Each quilt entry must have a 4 in. finished double casing sewn in across the full width of the back of the top edge for hanging on a rod in the display. This is called the sleeve. This sleeve needs to be stitched on the top and bottom. See directions on the following page.

9. A label must be sewn on the back of each quilt. **The label must be embroidered, typed, or written with a fabric pen on muslin. DO NOT use ballpoint pen.** Label must include the name of the quilt and quilt owner's name and the county name.

10. Quilts may be appliquéd, pieced or any combination of quilting techniques. Quilting and piecing of the quilt may be done by machine or hand. Machine quilted and each block must be 2/3 quilted (but no quilting through appliquéd design).

11. There are 8 divisions in the quilt contest: Four under **MACHINE QUILTING** - appliquéd, piecework/pictorial (theme quilt), wall hanging (minimum size is 18" x 18"; maximum size is 60" x 60") and full size, and Four under **HAND QUILTING** – appliquéd, piece work/pictorial (theme quilt), wall hanging (minimum size is 18" x 18"; maximum size is 60" x 60") and full size.

12. Quilts must be enclosed in a sturdy, large, clear, appropriately sized blanket bag with a working zipper and preferably without wire support (wire is hard to pack and/or could break and damage the quilt) DO NOT use a pillow case or cloth bag. To protect the quilt, the bag must be in good condition. **Quilts not submitted for entry in such a bag will be subject to a \$5 fee for the provision of this bag. Attach Photo.**

The original entry form along, a total of two color photos (4x6) and the \$20 entry fee must accompany the quilt. Photo must be labeled with owner's name, address, ZIP code plus four- digit code, telephone number and the name of the county. Quilt may be in progress and not finished in photo. **Quilts turned in without photograph will be charged a \$5 fee for each picture to be made the day of check-in.**

## Check List:

- The original entry form
- Two color photos (4x6) and the \$20 entry fee. One with entry form & one with plastic bag/quilt
- Indemnity release form signed and included with entry form.  
Must have sleeve & label.

**\*This information will be displayed with the quilt. Please verify information and spelling as the information on the display card will not be changed while the quilt is displayed. The Gonzales County Area Go-Texan reserves the right to exhibit quilts as space and criteria permit.**

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## RETURN POLICY

Quilts not picked up by **5:00 PM Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup> 2017** at 621 St. Joseph Street, Gonzales Texas will be considered abandoned and become the property of Gonzales County Area Go Texan. These items will be auctioned to the highest bidder at our annual Scholarship Fundraiser on January 13, 2018 scheduled at The Expo - JB Wells Park - Gonzales Texas.  
NO EXCEPTIONS

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Quilt owner

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\*\*\*\*\*This "Return Policy" statement is for your records only, we have the signed copy on the original entry form. Thank you for participating in our event and understanding our policy\*\*\*\*\*

GCAGT Committee

## SLEEVE / CASING INSTRUCTIONS

A sleeve or casing is the most practical way to prepare a quilt for hanging without damaging the quilt in any way. It is perhaps the simplest and most effective method because a rod can be inserted and suspended

between standards. To make a sleeve or casing:



- A. **Cut a strip 9" wide and 1" longer than the top of your quilt. Finish the ends by turning the raw edges of each end toward the wrong side approximately 1/4"; then turn under again stitching in place by hand or machine.**
- B. Fold the strip in half, lengthwise, right sides together and stitch, using 1/2" seam allowance.
- C. Press the sleeve so that the seam is centered on the back of the sleeve.
- D. The sleeve is stitched to the back of the quilt with the seam to the outside lessening abrasion to the quilt and ensuring a flat surface next to the quilt while it hangs.
- E. Hand-stitch the sleeve across the top backside of the quilt. Place the sleeve just under the binding (or approximately 1/2" from the top edge of the quilt). Stitch through ALL layers, using 1/4" stitches on the front of the quilt and 1/2" to 3/4" stitches on the backside. The stitches should go through all layers of the quilt so there will be less strain on the quilt. The 1/4" stitches on the front will not show, or will show so little that they will not be seen from exhibiting distance, especially if you use a neutral or coordinating thread color.
- F. Begin stitching in the center of the quilt and work out to one side. Repeat from the center out to the other side. Repeat for the bottom edge of the sleeve/casing.

# GONZALES COUNTY AREA GO-TEXAN QUILT CONTEST ENTRY FORM

Hand Quilted \_\_\_\_\_ Machine Quilted \_\_\_\_\_

Attach one color photos of the quilt here

Contestants Must Reside in Gonzales County – to be considered for HLSR Competition

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

C/O or Business: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## Description:

Color: \_\_\_\_\_

Size: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Suggested Division: \_\_\_\_\_

## Quilt Display Information:

\*Quilt Owner: \_\_\_\_\_  
Limit to one name or one organization/guild

\*Quilt Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT**

In consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, for being allowed entry into and participation in the activity known as **Go Texan Contests –Washers & Quilt, (the “Activity”)** associated with the Gonzales County Area Go Texan, Inc., the undersigned hereby enter into this RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT (this “Agreement”) as of the date set forth below.

1. **ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RISKS:** The undersigned recognizes and understands that there are risks associated with his/her participation in the Activities including, but not limited to, bodily injury or death to persons and theft, damage or destruction to property. The undersigned further acknowledges and understands that he/she will be held liable and responsible for any and all damage to persons, livestock, vehicles, property and/or improvements to property that is caused by him/her and/or any persons (including, minors) under his/her care and control, and that arise out of or are related to the undersigned’s entry into and participation in the Activities.
  
2. **RELEASE FROM LIABILITY:** The undersigned hereby RELEASES, ACQUITS AND FOREVER DISCHARGES and shall DEFEND, INDEMNIFY and HOLD HARMLESS GCAGT, their present and former directors, officers, employees, agents, and representatives and the respective heirs, administrators, executors, successors and assigns (collectively, the “GCAGT Parties” or individually, an “GCAGT Party”) from any and all claims, causes of action, suits and/or demands for personal injury, death or property damage, accrued or to accrue in the future, known or unknown, (collectively, “Claims”) relating to or arising out of any negligent, grossly negligent and/or intentional or unintentional acts on the part of the undersigned and its connection with his/her/its entry into and participation in the Activities. Without limiting the foregoing, the undersigned agrees that the HLSR Parties shall not be liable to him/her, his/her family, heirs, administrators, executors or assigns for Claims arising from or related to the undersigned’s entry into and participation in the Activities.
  
3. **AGREEMENT TO DEFEND, INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS:** The undersigned agrees to DEFEND, INDEMNIFY and HOLD HARMLESS THE GCAGT PARTIES AGAINST THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE GCAGT PARTIES’ OWN NEGLIGENCE, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER SUCH NEGLIGENCE WAS THE SOLE, PROXIMATE OR PRODUCING CAUSE OF THE CLAIMS; provided, however, that the duty of the undersigned to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the GCAGT Parties shall extend only to Claims arising directly or indirectly from the undersigned’s entry into and participation in the Activities. ANY DAMAGE TO OR LOSS OF THE UNDERSIGNED’S MATERIALS, EQUIPMENT, PROPERTY OR RENTAL PROPERTY USED IN CONNECTION WITH THE UNDERSIGNED’S ENTRY INTO AND PARTICIPATION IN THE ACTIVITIES SHALL BE BORNE BY THE UNDERSIGNED. As used herein, “INDEMNIFY” means to agree to assume the GCAGT Parties’ liability in a situation, thereby relieving them of responsibility and/or reimbursing the GCAGT Parties for Claims asserted against them.
  
4. **PHOTOGRAPH/INTERVIEW RELEASE AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT:** The undersigned GRANTS PERMISSION to be PHOTOGRAPHED or INTERVIEWED in connection with the Activities. The undersigned understands that any such photograph or interview may be used by GCAGT for television, film, video, visual, graphic or printed media. The undersigned agrees to RELEASE and INDEMNIFY GCAGT with respect to any Claims related to the usage of such photographs or interviews by the GCAGT Parties or any media.
  
5. As further inducement to GCAGT to permit the undersigned’s entry into and participation in the Activities, the undersigned represents that he/she thoroughly and completely understands that this is a complete and final release and indemnity agreement, that he/she is freely and voluntarily entering into this Agreement, and that no representations, promises or statements made by the GCAGT Parties, or any agent, attorney or other representative of an GCAGT Party has influenced the undersigned in causing him/her to sign this Agreement. The undersigned understands that this Agreement shall be binding on his/her heirs, executors, successors and assigns, that the Agreement will be governed by the laws of Texas, and that jurisdiction and venue for resolution of any dispute regarding this Agreement shall lie in a Texas State Court in Gonzales County, Texas. If any part of this Agreement is determined to be invalid or unenforceable, it does not affect the validity of the remainder of this Agreement. The undersigned agrees to the terms and conditions above, and acknowledges receipt of this Agreement.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_