

34TH ANNUAL QUILTS 2026

March 27–April 26

LAKE METROPARKS FARM PARK

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Quilt Vendor Days

**Friday, April 17 &
Saturday, April 18**

Two days of quilts, demonstrations and shopping at quilt vendor booths!
Support our sponsors and local quilt businesses!



New this year!

Quilt Inspiration Series

Free lectures will take place on Sundays at 2 pm.

Farmpark admission applies. No registration required.

March 29

Stories in Fabric by Elizabeth Bauman



April 12

Nature Inspired Quilts by Nelly Vileikis



April 19

1-2-3 Color My Quilt by Nelly Vileikis



April 26

A Feast from the Fragments by
Sabastianna Costanzo



E-MAIL/MAILING LIST NEWS

In an effort to be more eco-friendly and efficient, email will be the main delivery source for the Quilts workshop booklet. Hard copies will only be available at Farmpark or delivered to those individuals who do not have email.

The booklet will be available online at lakemetroparks.com by late January.

If you would like to be added to the email list, please email your request to apasquale@lakemetroparks.com.

All other requests should send a postcard/note stating
“Keep My Quilt Brochure Coming” to:

Lake Metroparks Farmpark Quilt Show

8800 Euclid Chardon Rd.

Kirtland, Ohio 44094

Call 440-256-2122 x3154 with questions.



EXHIBITOR ENTRY INFORMATION

Exhibitor entry registration is ONLINE ONLY for Quilts 2026!

To register, go to lakemetroparks.com and click the Quilts 2026 button.

If you do not have an account to register for Lake Metroparks programs, you will need to create one in your name. Do not use a family member's account.

Once an entry registration is started, all questions must be completed and payment submitted with a credit card to complete the process. Information will not be saved for later if registration is incomplete.

Before you start, please have the following information ready:

- Title of entry (name you give it)
- Name of pattern(s) used if applicable
- Quilted by (person's name or longarm business)
- Techniques and embellishments used
- Date quilt completed (must be completed in last two years to be judged)
- Is quilt for sale? If yes, price must be listed (*note: 20% commission to Lake Metroparks paid out of listed sale price*)
- Quilt category (individual, general or display only—not judged)
- Quilt story of 250 words (4,000 characters) or less
- Method of payment for submission (VISA, Mastercard, Discover)

Please review the complete set of guidelines, rules and definitions.

Entry fee is \$15 per entry and is non-refundable. One entry per exhibitor. Group quilts must be entered by a designated contact person with reference to group in the description.

Entries must have a four-inch sleeve attached for hanging unless smaller than 24 inches or an irregular shape that requires a sleeve suitable for hanging. Please safety pin a square scrap of fabric to cover your label on back of quilt.

Entries are accepted unless notified otherwise.

Entries limited to 225.

Special exhibits: pre-arrange with Quilts 2026 chair.

Need help?

Call Farmpark at 440-256-2122 x3123 Monday through Friday 8:30 am to 4 pm.

EXHIBITOR CALENDAR

- Entry submission due by Thursday, February 19 at 5 pm.
- Drop off quilt between 9 am and 5 pm Wednesday, March 4.
- Quilts may be mailed or dropped off early the week before to Lake Metroparks Farmpark. **All quilts must be received by 5 pm on March 4.** Exhibitors requesting entry returned by mail at end of show must pre-pay return postage.
- Judging will occur on Saturday, March 7 and Sunday, March 8 (closed session).
- Exhibitor reception* is Thursday, March 26 from 6 to 8:30 pm. RSVP is requested by calling 440-256-2122 x3154. Reservations taken March 4 to 26.
- Quilts 2026 opens Friday, March 27 at 9 am.
- Quilts 2026 closes Sunday, April 26 at 5 pm.
- Pick up quilt Wednesday, April 29 between 9 am and 6 pm. Quilts not picked up will be stored at Farmpark Admissions. Open Tuesday–Sunday 9 am to 5 pm.

*The **exhibitor reception** will be held in the Farmpark Visitor Center. This is a free preview night for exhibitors and their guests. Lake Metroparks will supply cheese, crackers and punch. We invite exhibitors to bring a dish to share. Optional: Bring your own bottle of wine to enjoy in the café with your guests—we will supply the wine glasses!

Guild Participation

Guilds are invited to volunteer as “show assistants” and promote their guild membership during show weekends. Talk informally to Farmpark visitors about quilting in general, answer quilt-related questions, explain quilting terms or techniques and flip corners of quilts for visitors to see backsides. White gloves and volunteer badges provided. Volunteers are encouraged to roam the show or sit and work on projects while interacting with visitors. To inquire about guild volunteering, contact Andrea at 440-256-2122 x3154 or apasquale@lakemetroparks.com. Choose a weekend or one day with morning and afternoon shifts, then enjoy the show before or after your shift!

Advertisement Opportunity

Advertise your quilt-related business in the Lake Metroparks Farmpark Quilts 2026 Exhibitor Catalog—the program provided to all show visitors from March 27 through April 26! Approximately 12,000 visitors are expected to attend the show. Half-page and business card ads are available for as low as \$40 with submission deadline of February 24. Contact Andrea Pasquale at 440-256-2122 x3154 or apasquale@lakemetroparks.com for an order form.

GUIDELINES & RULES

One entry per person. One name listed as exhibitor (or contact person for group quilt or school quilt). Exhibitor or contact person receives pass for unlimited visits during Quilts 2026 dates.

- Entry fee is \$15 and non-refundable.
- All quilts must have a four-inch sleeve stitched in back for hanging. Irregularly-shaped quilts and miniatures must have appropriate means for hanging. Pinned sleeves are not acceptable.
- Entries must be clean and free of dirt and pet hair. We reserve the right to reject pieces that are soiled. Because Farmpark is a family facility, staff may reject a quilt due to the suitability of its theme.
- Judging categories are based on the size and type of the quilt, techniques used, (applique, pieced, mixed) and style. Categories are listed on the online entry form. Quilt Show Chair reserves the right to reassign, combine, add or eliminate categories depending on the number of entries received. All judged elements must be visible.
- Art quilts are only quilts permitted to use a false back as appropriate to the piece.
- Heirloom, group, youth and school quilts are accepted for display only. School quilts receive a participation ribbon. Heirloom quilts must be a minimum of 50 years old.
- All entries must be quilted except fabric dolls and those specialty items in “special interest” category.
- Doll bodies must be made completely of fabric, including the faces. Dolls with porcelain or ceramic faces are not accepted. Dolls may have quilting on the clothing. Minimum height: six inches.
- Entries submitted in previous Lake Metroparks quilt shows are not eligible.
- Quilt item must have been completed within the past two years to be eligible for entry in a judged category.
- Exhibitor may choose whether or not to sell his/her quilt during the show. Lake Metroparks receives 20% commission on all sales during the show—commission taken from sale price listed.

PRIZES

- Prize baskets and ribbons are awarded to Best of Show and People's Choice winners (determined by popular vote of visitors attending the show).
- People's Choice winners announced last Wednesday of quilt show.
- First, second and third place ribbons are awarded in all categories.
- \$50 gift certificates are awarded to first place winners.
- Gifts and ribbons are awarded to “special commendation” winners for Best Machine Quilting and Best Hand Quilting.

DEFINITIONS OF TERMS

APPLIQUE QUILT: Applique predominates over other techniques in amount or effect.

ART QUILT: This quilt category may consist of 1) impressions, 2) images and 3) color & graphics. Art quilts are original concepts rather than the use of traditional patterns. Any work that relies on a teacher's technique should be credited appropriately. Printed fabric panels or multiple block images do not belong in this category.

DISPLAY QUILT: School participation quilt, heirloom quilt, group or round robin quilt, guild quilt, framed quilt, t-shirt quilt, quilt submitted by exhibitor other than maker of quilt or quilt received after required entry date are not eligible for judging.

DOLL: A character figure made completely of fabric, may include quilted clothing.

EMBROIDERY: Hand or machine embroidery technique is predominant. Embroidery techniques used with piecing techniques may qualify in mixed techniques.

EXHIBITOR: Person entering an item in the show. Exhibitor may be designer, owner, quilter, relative or caretaker.

GROUP QUILT: A group of people contributing to the construction of the quilt top and/or quilting.

HEIRLOOM: A valued family possession handed down from generation to generation. Must be at least 50 years old.

JUDGED GENERAL ENTRY: Quilt top construction made by exhibitor, however, finishing technique of quilting through the layers was outsourced.

JUDGED INDIVIDUAL ENTRY: Entire quilt project completed by exhibitor. Quilt top construction and quilting is done by the same person.

KITS: Quilt projects with pre-selected fabric and/or pre-cut pieces or blocks are considered display only.

MINIATURE: Quilt made of blocks smaller than five inches in size and made in small scale to original-size quilt. Any side smaller than 26 inches.

MIXED TECHNIQUE: Two or more major construction techniques used to develop design of the top, not including basic sashing, quilting or trapunto. Techniques include but are not limited to piecing, applique, embroidery, photos, stencils, etc. Equal amounts of two techniques will qualify this entry, otherwise choose category for predominant technique.

PICTORIAL: A quilted wall hanging of a recreated portrait image of a person, place or thing.

PIECED QUILT: Piecing predominates over other techniques in amount or effect.

QUILT: A covering or wall hanging with three layers (two layers of fabric and one layer of batting) and quilted through.

RECYCLED, RESCUED OR ORPHAN BLOCKS: Made from a known or unknown source and set/finished into a quilt by exhibitor should be placed in "Display Quilt" category and not judged.

ROUND ROBIN: These quilts are considered display only.

SPECIAL INTEREST QUILT: Includes crazy quilt, tied, yo-yo, whole cloth quilt, cathedral window, stenciled, etc.

TITLE OF ENTRY: Original name you give your entry! Can be pattern name if desired.

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Call 440-256-2122 for details. Farmpark is located on Rt. 6,
one mile east of Rt. 306.

ADMISSION

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| Ages 12 to 59 | \$9 |
| Ages 60 and older | \$8 |
| Ages 2 to 11 | \$7 |
| Younger than 2 | FREE |
| Farmpark members | FREE |



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