Guild Members,

After much thought, deliberation, and input from our members, the NTQF committee is sad to let you know that we are canceling our North Texas Quilt Festival judged show for 2020.

Many variables led to this reluctant decision. We realize the demographic of our membership falls into the “at risk” category for Covid-19 and recognize the specific safety issues this presents to our cherished members and their families. While NTQF would, to the best of our ability, have provided safety measures at the show, since understanding and predicting anything about this disease is next to impossible, we ultimately did not want to take the risk. Also, our survey results indicated that while about half of you would come to the show, a large majority were reluctant to volunteer. Volunteers are vital for a successful show.

While member safety and lack of volunteers were the main reasons for canceling the show, we also considered other factors. Not having in person guild meetings to sell tickets and generate more interest would lead to low revenue. We canceled the mini auction due to the handling involved which also impacts revenue. The quality of the show with such low (only 130) quilt entries would be compromised. Finally, the prospect of going to all the time and effort, only to have a government entity shut us down at the last minute was, well let’s not even go there.

The competition is canceled, but there is still a chance to feed the quilting bug. For those of you who feel comfortable attending a show and/or volunteering for one, the Original Sewing and Quilt Expo is planning to go on as scheduled August 13-15 in Irving. They will be observing safety measures such as requesting attendees wear masks, hand sanitizing stations, bigger vendor booths for less crowding, wider aisles and extra student spacing in classrooms. They will also have many virtual offerings, such as online classes, virtual tours and more. We encourage you to support the OSQE, as they are our partners, and it is due to their financial and organizational help that we were able to produce the successful shows in past years. Go to their website: [https://sewingexpo.com/Events/Dallas,TX.aspx](https://sewingexpo.com/Events/Dallas%2CTX.aspx) to volunteer and for all the latest info.

Anticipating by 2021 the world will have a better handle on this Covid-19 menace, we are looking forward to an even bigger and better show. We will carry the rules and theme into the planning for next year. Given all the extra time you now have to work on those show entries, it should be the largest show yet!

Stay safe and healthy,

NTQF Committee

PS I was so looking forward to the NTQF and I am so sad we have to cancel another one of our loved quilt events. Next year, though, should be great. I do plan to go to the EXPO some.

I will refund money for those of you who purchased Pre-Show t-shirts when I see you again or notify me if you want me to mail it to you. My contact info is in the directory.

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