

## Desert Quilters of Nevada 12-4-12 Rules for 2024 Season

According to our bylaws, DQNV's objective is "to promote and preserve the art of quilting, patchwork, applique and related fiber arts." However, we now have a number of circles that also pursue other artistic endeavors related to quilting, usually in addition to quilting. Because we are constantly evolving, 12-4-12 is meant to inspire us to keep our creativity flowing. We include additional related arts that inspire our fiber art work such as Dolls, Painting on fabric, Clothing, Knitting and Crochet. We still PREFER to see quilts and quilted items whenever possible.

1. You **must** be a member of Desert Quilters of NV to participate. We do check with the membership chair for current status.
2. The program year runs January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024. Sign-ups begin October 17th, 2023 and run until January 15th 2024. There is an entry form on the website. If you participated in the last session, your name will **NOT** automatically roll over into the next session. **YOU MUST SIGN UP FOR THE NEW PROGRAM YEAR.**
3. You must acknowledge that your projects will be published on the DQNV website. If you don't wish to have a project uploaded (gift, privacy ect..) you **MUST** request it at the time of submission. We won't take responsibility for published/unpublished photos.
4. You must complete 11 projects to earn a \$15.00 gift certificate with an opportunity to earn more \$\$ at the first Quarterly meeting in January. Certificates are good at many of our local quilt shops and certain on-line stores. These certificates must be used by April 30, 2025. If you do not use it by the deadline, you are out of luck. We will try to send out reminders that the expiration date is getting close.
5. Projects are due starting the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month until the 30<sup>th</sup>. There will be a 5 day "GRACE" period falling into the following month. This does **not** mean the due date is the 5th of the next month. For example, November projects are due November 1<sup>st</sup> – November 30<sup>th</sup>. December 5<sup>th</sup> is the last "Grace' Day
6. You need to complete a new project or UFO each month and notify us in writing by sending an email with you photo attached to dqnv12.4.12@gmail.com
7. Please include a photo showing a completed project **AND** a brief description of your project. This is non-negotiable. Our official email address is: [DQNV12.4.12@gmail.com](mailto:DQNV12.4.12@gmail.com)
8. Your full name and project month **MUST** be entered in the subject line of your email.
9. You are allowed to skip or miss ONE (1) project, (that is why you only need to finish 11).
10. Junior members may participate. They must complete at least 4 projects for the year. They will receive a \$10 gift certificate.
11. Please send a good clear (not blurry) picture (JPEG) of your project/s to A brief description of the project is a **MUST**. We must see all edges of your projects. **Unzip** from your files so the photo can be opened properly. NO extreme closeups or you will have to resend the photo.

Make sure there are no distractions in the photo and it is just the project. No faces or pictures of children. All projects must be completely finished and to include binding. This means ready to be put on the bed, given as a gift, entered into a quilt show, sold, donated to charity, used for its intended purpose e.g., a purse/tote bag/jewelry, clothing, displayed on a wall (quilt, paintings)

12. We will send a reply to your email letting you know that we have received it and that you are good to go for 3/12 projects for example. We don't check emails everyday so please be patient. But if it has been a week or more send us another email to be sure.
13. Each month's entry must be sent in a separate NEW email, even if you are sending in 2 projects within the 5-day grace period. For example; November's project on Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>. December project on Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>. Two emails, one for each project. You will receive a separate confirmation for each entry. If a project is submitted during the "Grace" period, a response may not be available until after the current month has concluded.
14. If your projects are of a repaired nature (repairing an old quilt) they must include a description of the creative element used like, e.g.; "I completely re-quilted this item or I replaced the fabric in certain blocks because it was torn". Before and after photos are needed. Just replacing the binding on a quilt is not acceptable.
15. Mending clothes or household items, toys, sewing hems on pants or skirts, sewing the badges on a uniform, replacing buttons are NOT acceptable. All items turned in must be of a creative nature.
16. We don't accept just a pile of blocks. Your circle may have done a group of blocks for that month as their "project" but unless that pile of blocks is a finished quilt or table topper for example, we won't accept them.
17. **Very important:** DO NOT DELETE YOUR SENT EMAIL. You must keep records of your projects and the dates you submitted them. We answer a lot of emails each month. Mistakes can and are made and we want you to be covered. Try to be consistent with your email address. Use the same one. Please let us know if you change email accounts. You must be able to FORWARD your original email to prove that you got it in on time. It's good practice to create a folder to keep all your 12-4-12 pictures/emails in one place.
18. We will try to send out an email each month to remind you of the deadline for that month. Remember to always send us a new email. No "piggy-backing" and **Do Not Reply** to those group reminder emails. It is very possible that your email will be missed. Please send out a separate email with your project.
19. There will be a "Featured Artist" chosen each month based on the "Featured Artist Criteria." Please see the rules.
20. Should you have an entry for the DQNV Challenge, the **first viewing** of any submission must be **at the July 2024 Quarterly Meeting**. It is your responsibility to keep your entry secret. Items entered in any quilt show or event prior to the Quarterly Meeting will be disqualified. This includes 12-4-12.

21. We are happy to work with you. Don't wait too long to ask questions or if you need help. Nannett's phone number is 850-508-2846.

**Make sure you have fun!** This is a quilt show and tell every month. We love seeing all the creativity this wonderful group of people come up with. Keep Creating!!