

# DESERT QUILTERS OF NEVADA

12-4-12 2023

## Rules for 2023

According to our bylaws, DQNV's objective is "to promote and preserve the art of quilting, patchwork, applique and related fiber arts." We recognize that a number of our members pursue other artistic endeavors related and 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 next session runs January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023. Sign-ups begin October 15, 2022 and run until December 30, 2022. There is an entry form on the website; go to [dqnv.org/events/12-4-12](http://dqnv.org/events/12-4-12) and click the Registration button. 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 complete 11 projects to earn a minimum \$15.00 gift certificate with an opportunity to earn a larger amount at the Winter Quarterly meeting in 2024. See the potential award schedule below. Certificates are good at many of our local quilt shops and certain on-line stores. These certificates must be used by July 31, 2024. Stores and vendors will not accept certificates beyond the expiration date.
4. Projects are due starting the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month and must be completed by the end of the month. There will be a 5 day "GRACE" period falling into the following month. For example, November projects are due November 1<sup>st</sup> – December 5<sup>th</sup>. You need to complete a new project or UFO each month and notify us in writing.
5. Please include a clear (not blurry) photo showing a completed project **AND** a brief description of your project. This is required to maintain your active participation. Our official email address is [dqnv12.4.12@gmail.com](mailto:dqnv12.4.12@gmail.com). We must see all edges of your project. **Unzip** from your files so the photo can be opened properly. NO extreme closeups or you will have to re-send the photo. Make sure there are no distractions in the photo and it is just the project. No faces or children. All projects must be completely finished including a binding where applicable. 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).
6. Your full name and project month **MUST** be entered in the subject line of your email. For example: Susan Socks January 2023.
7. You are allowed to skip or miss ONE (1) project – 1 month, i.e., you only need to finish 11 total over the 12-month period.

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8. Youth members may participate. By completing at least 4 projects in the calendar year, you will receive a \$10 gift certificate.
9. 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 confirm we have received your entry.
10. 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.
11. 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.
12. 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.
13. 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.
14. 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.
15. We attempt to send out an email each month to remind you of the deadline for that month. Remember always send us a new email. No "piggy-backing" and Do Not Reply to those group emails.
16. There will be a "Featured Artist" chosen each month. The member will be chosen based on the criteria established; see below for criteria on how this process works.
17. 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!!

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**12-4-12 OPPORTUNITY DRAWING**

We are adding an awards program for all participants this year as follows:

- A drawing from the names of all participants who completed 11 projects will be held at the Winter Quarterly meeting for the opportunity to earn a larger certificate. Participants need not be present.
- Everyone who has completed 11 projects in the calendar year will receive at least a \$15.00 certificate.
- Based on the awards schedule below, some participants will earn a certificate of greater value.
- Award certificates will be emailed within 7 days after the Winter Quarterly meeting.
- If a participant drops out or fails to submit a minimum of 11 projects, they will forfeit their eligibility.
- The winners will be as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> place:                      \$50.00

2<sup>nd</sup> place:                      \$35.00

3<sup>rd</sup> place:                      \$25.00

All remaining eligible participants will receive \$15 certificates

**Featured Artist Criteria/Rules**

The Featured Artist is a special category within the 12-4-12 program for Desert Quilters of Nevada members. This category will “spotlight” the member who submits a project that meets or exceeds the specifications listed below. The featured artist will have an opportunity to earn an additional \$10.00 award certificate during the Winter Quarterly meeting immediately following the close of the 12-4-12 year. A drawing will be held from all those who are qualified for this award. The criteria and rules are as follows:

- The 12-4-12 TEAM will collectively choose the “Featured Artist”
- Once a member has been chosen, they cannot be chosen again for at least 24 months. This allows everyone a chance to be featured.
- The criteria the 12-4-12 Team will use include:
  - The project should be unique
  - Did the artist think outside the box?
  - Does the project have multiple mediums?
  - Does the project fit a holiday within that month?
  - Does the project have a WOW factor?

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- Everyone will have the opportunity to be “Featured”. No one will be chosen consecutively or more than once within a 24-month period.
- If a member wishes not to be “Featured” they must inform us by e-mail
- The 12 Monthly featured artists will be eligible to earn an award certificate of \$10 from an opportunity drawing at the Winter Quarterly meeting.

The listed criteria above is meant to be informational only. And provided to give participants an idea of how their project is accessed. It is designed to show participants what the team looks for in selecting the featured artist for the month. Our goal is to have some fun and add value to the program while recognizing special contributions.