

CALL FOR ENTRIES

“Secret Garden”

Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza September 17-20, 2026

Deadline: July 16, 2026 NO EXCEPTIONS

THEME: The Art Quilt Association members explore what creates their perfect secret garden. Is it the hidden entrance? A secret urban oasis or one that requires a hike to a favorite wild meadow? Is it the special peace of a reflecting pool or trickle of water that soothes us and the birds, wildlife, faeries, and ogres alike who sneak in? Is it nature's unexpected display secluded from the chatter of the outside world? Or is it the promise of summer beauty in the depths of winter? Or perhaps just the joy of digging into the soil that supports these flower and plant strewn places? So many secrets for AQuA to share.

DESIGN RULES:

- All pieces must be the ORIGINAL work of AQuA members. No quilt may be constructed using a commercial pattern. No commercial machine quilting patterns may be used.
- If pieces are based on the work of another artist, members must secure written permission from that artist, and provide a copy with their entry.
- If the quilt was begun in a workshop, the workshop teacher's name and technique must be credited on the back. A workshop teacher's pattern is not acceptable, only the technique.
- No more than two (2) AQuA members may collaborate on the construction of a quilt, and both members must be listed on the entry form.
- Entries cannot be smaller than 96 inches minimum perimeter or larger than 252 inches maximum perimeter. Entries cannot exceed a maximum length of 72 inches. Entries cannot exceed a depth of 5" for shipping purpose.
- Diptychs and triptychs are acceptable providing their size, including space between the pieces, remains within the size restrictions, listed above.

SLEEVE REQUIREMENTS: A top sleeve is required on the back of the quilt. Please consult the instructions on our Website under “Member Information, How to instructions.” This technique is mandatory. Please do not wait until the last minute to ask how to complete this correctly and have your hard work disqualified for incorrect sleeve attachment.

LABEL: A cloth label must be sewn or fused to the bottom left-hand side of the quilt back. That label must include the title of the quilt and your name. You may include additional contact information, but it is not required.

ENTRY FEE: There will be a non-refundable fee of \$20.00 for the first entry, and a non-refundable entry fee of \$10 for each additional entry. See Fee section on Entry Form.

PHOTOGRAPHY: Professional quality photography is required for all quilts. The photography fee is \$20.00 for each quilt, which will include a full shot and one close-up. You will receive a CD with your quilt images or on a thumb drive you provide at turn in. You may also arrange for your own professional photographer. A two-color digital image (full & close-up) must be submitted on **thumb drive you provide** at turn in on July 16, 2026 with your quilt. Digital images must be 300 dpi minimum, at least 4 x 6 and saved in jpeg format.

DUE DATE: July 16, 2026 at the AQuA meeting and absolutely no exceptions will be made.

JURYING: All quilts will be juried via CD by Linda Colsh. The juror will be asked to select five juror's picks for our website and will also prepare a two or three line critique for each quilt juried and those critiques will be emailed to the makers.

MEMBERS CHOICE: All members present at the July 16, 2026 AQuA meeting will be asked to vote for their one favorite as “member's choice.” The Member's Choice will be featured on our website.

SHIPPING RESTRICTIONS: Creating dimensional quilts complicates shipping our quilts as a group so design with this in mind. Please contact Lynda Stahl for additional information if your submission needs special packing.

PET HAIR: Please be sure that your quilt is free of pet hair when you turn it in.

THE SHOW COMMITTEE will examine each quilt after submission. All quilts must meet the above guidelines or they will be rejected from this competition.

SHOW CO-CHAIRMEN: Terry Lee, Mary Grande & Lynda Stahl

Quilt # _____

“Secret Garden” Entry Form
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Deadline: July 16, 2026 NO EXCEPTIONS
One Form per Quilt - Attach Form to Quilt – Fill in all Blanks

Artist Name _____
Mailing Address _____
Phone # _____ E-mail address _____
QUILT NAME: _____
QUILT SIZE: (Height) _____ Width) _____ (perimeter-2H+2W) _____
Is quilt for Sale? Yes _____ No _____ If for sale, how much? _____

PLACARD INFO: Please Type or Print a 75-word maximum statement about your quilt and how it relates to the theme “Secret Garden”. Note what you write will printed and hung with your quilt at the show.

Please give a brief description of the various techniques and /or materials used. If you want to select an area for your close-up picture, please diagram /describe on reverse : _____

FEES: (complete this section ONLY once if multiple entries)

\$20 First Entry Fee, nonrefundable:	Number: 1	\$20.00
\$10 Fee for each additional, nonrefundable :	Number:	
\$20 AQuA Photography for each quilt:	Number:	
\$0 Labeled CD of own photos, not by AQuA	CD attached: Y/N	
One check/cash envelope payable to AQuA	Check #:	Total: \$

CHECKLIST:

Please refer to website for information about below items. _____ Initial here to indicate you have read and agree to Quilt Guideline Regulations for Show on the website and Call for Entries form for this show.

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| () Pet hair removed | () Sleeve meets requirements |
| () Label | () Non-standard pieces coordinate with Lynda Stahl |
| () Written permission from artist as needed | () Labeled thumb drive for photos |

Insurance: Estimated value for Mancuso insurance purposes \$ _____

Quilts are insured by Mancuso Management while on site and during shipping process, however \$1000 is the maximum insurance rider unless you supply an appraisal by a certified quilt appraiser. Items cannot be insured for greater than \$5,000 (even with a greater appraised value). Entry of the above items means that I fully understand that AQuA members will take every precaution to protect my quilt in the gathering, shipping, and redistribution, but I understand that they cannot be responsible for act of nature beyond their control. As an entrant, my signature grants AQuA and the Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza and its designated sponsors the right to photograph my quilt for publication, advertising or promotional use. I give my permission for my quilt to travel to other venues should the occasion arise.
Yes _____ No _____

Signature _____

Date _____