

2019 Ultimate Guild Challenge

TIME FLIES!

Due date: August 15, 2019 guild meeting

It's TIME to get NSQG recognized for the fantastic skills possessed by our members!

Have you secretly dreamed of entering your quilt into a national show?

This year's goal: to submit our **top 8** challenge quilts into the Ultimate Guild Challenge at the AQS Grand Rapids Quilt Show scheduled for August, 2020.

So, put on your thinking caps and join in the creative quilting fun.

Did you know or remember that 2019 is NSQG's 40th anniversary? It's time to celebrate that fabulous milestone. Additionally, since our quilt show theme this year is ***TIME FLIES!***, we reflect upon how this common phrase resonates throughout our life experiences. Perhaps ***TIME FLIES!*** when you are engaged in a favorite activity, participating in an event, celebration or taking a journey. Close your eyes and visualize where your mind takes you when you hear this phrase: ***TIME FLIES!*** How will this phrase guide your quilt development?

NSQG Challenge Requirements:

- **Active NSQG (2019-2020) membership**
- Quilt dimensions must meet AQS and NSQG specifications to qualify for participation in the Ultimate Guild Challenge:
 - **Width: 32" (dimension: no less than 31", no more than 33")**
 - **Length: 42" (dimension: no less than 41", no more than 43")**
- **Incorporate 4 or more Flying Geese Units, any size, in "Kona Ruby" color**
 - (one unit for each decade of NSQG's 40 years of existence and ruby to signify the 40th traditional anniversary gift)
- **Quilted either by hand, machine, or both through three layers: top, batting, and backing.**
- **Label** on back bottom right of quilt with title of your quilt, your name, city, state, and date of completion
- **4" Hanging sleeve** attached to the top of the quilt
- **Embellished** in some manner in addition to machine quilting (i.e.: use of novelty threads, ribbon, beads, baubles, materials beyond quilter's 100% cotton [such as wool, silk, home decorator], items to accent your design),... The only restriction is that your quilt must be able to be rolled in order to ship.



In order to complete our AQS submission of the top 8 quilts:

NSQG plans to enter our top 8 challenge quilts into the 2020 AQS Ultimate Guild Challenge. **AQS stipulates that any individual may piece or quilt on only one Ultimate Guild Challenge Quilt for one Guild.**

So, if you have a quilter you usually use, AND she is submitting her own quilt, she may NOT quilt your quilt. In the event she is not personally submitting a challenge quilt, she may NOT quilt more than one challenge quilt. One quilter quilting more than one Ultimate Guild Challenge quilt for 2020 competition will cause our guild or multiple guilds to be eliminated from participation. Asking the quilter of her other commitments with respect to this requirement and willingness to commit to this requirement is necessary. Any questions – ask Joyce.

We will take a group guild photo to send with our submission.

We will photograph the full quilt and your preferred close-up of a selection showcasing your best work of your quilt. Or you may provide this to us.

Your quilt must be displayed in **TIME FLIES** quilt show.

Your quilt must be available for NSQG to mail to AQS by NSQG's general meeting on June 18, 2020, and it will not be returned by AQS to NSQG until late August, 2020.