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NACQJ Certification Update Policy Statement

NACQJ Certified Judges are committed to the continual growth of the Certified Judges program. The integrity of the NACQJ Certified Judge designation is maintained through commitment to the update process. A structured certification update procedure with participation in judging and NACQJ activities and continuing education recommendations is standard procedure for all Certified Judges. Judges who fulfill these commitments and continuing education requirements demonstrate their commitment to supporting the NACQJ and expanding their basic knowledge to remain current in the art and craft of quilt making. The initial certification is updated after three years and every three years thereafter.

Please completely fill out and return the separate NACQJ Judges Certification Update Form to the CJ Coordinator at the address given on the form by March 1. Include additional pages as needed, but do not include the three pages of this policy statement.

I. Commitment to Participation in Judging

Every Certified Judge is expected to participate in at least three judging related activities within the three-year update period. These activities include, but are not limited to, judging, serving as a judging consultant, giving presentations about judging, or mock judging demonstrations.

II. Commitment to Continuing Education

Every Certified Judge is expected to participate in at least three continuing education activities within the three-year update period to increase his/her personal quilting knowledge. These activities can be pursued through a formal or an independent study process. Study topics include quilt making techniques, quilt history, judging, color, and design.

Teaching by the certified judge is not in itself considered continuing education and should not be listed. However, research done to enable a CJ to teach or lecture may be listed.

III. Commitment to the NACQJ

Every Certified Judge is expected to demonstrate commitment to the NACQJ organization and the Certified Judges Program by participating in at least three NACQJ activities during the three-year update period. These activities include, but are not limited to, candidate paperwork review, candidate panel review, candidate mentoring, NACQJ partner show participation, Masterpiece Quilt evaluations, CJ conferences, and CJ committee work.

IV. Other Unpaid Volunteer Work

List volunteer activities of the past three years. These could include serving as a guild officer, show committee member, or regional or national quilting organization work.

V. Future Plans for Professional Development

List specific areas of study or development you intend to pursue during the next three years.

VI. Inactive Period (If Applicable)

Please give a brief explanation for any inactivity in judging or professional growth during the three-year update period due to unforeseen circumstances such as health issues, family emergencies, or life changing events.

Suggestions for Participation in Judging

- Judging
- Juror of quilt exhibit
- Presentations, lectures, or classes on judging
- Teaching the Introduction to Quilt Judging Seminar

Suggestions for Continuing Education

- Workshop or lecture participant
- Shows and galleries
- Museums
- Internet classes
- Books, Magazines, Publications
- DVD Instruction
- Historical or cultural studies
- Study groups
- Research done to prepare for teaching/lecturing/writing

Suggestions for NACQJ Activities

- NACQJ Partner Show participation
- NACQJ Board member

Serve on NACQJ committee
Read candidate paperwork
Serve on candidate panel
Serve as candidate mentor
Masterpiece Quilt evaluation participant or observer
Attend NACQJ conference

Suggestions for Other Unpaid Volunteer Work

Guild affiliation
Serve as guild officer or committee member
National quilting organization work
Quilt show or judging committee member
Judging room volunteer

Suggestions for Professional Development

Color
Design and Composition
Art
Construction techniques
Quilting techniques
Surface Design or other specialty techniques
Historical or cultural studies