

## **MASTER QUILTER**

*Section 1 Master Quilter. This award honors a member who has made contributions in support of the goals of the Guild and whose skills and workmanship the membership admires/respects.*

### **Nomination**

Any member of the guild can nominate another member who they feel meets the qualifications of a Master Quilter. The nominee must agree to accept the responsibilities of the Master Quilter.

The nomination is made by writing a letter about the candidate, listing the qualities of their quilting, what skills they may have and their service to the Guild. Two typed pages is the maximum. The "Suggestions for Master Quilter Nomination Letter" is on the website.

The time period that Master Quilter Nominations can be accepted is when the President announces the time period for the nomination, usually at the August first meeting of the month. The nomination period ends at the September first meeting of the month.

### **Qualifications**

The Master Quilter takes the ordinary and makes it extraordinary. There is an expectation of above normal abilities/skills. Their quilts would hold up under scrutiny at a judged show. The criteria for a Master Quilter are listed below:

#### **WORKMANSHIP**

- General appearance: quilts are attractive.
- Quilts lie flat.
- Edges are straight.
- Mitered corners are squared.
- Shows a good sense of color.
- Precise piecing.
- Quilts have no odor or animal fur.

#### **KNOWLEDGE**

- Excellent sewing skills.
- Knowledge of quilting terms.
- Can look at and understand how a quilt is made.
- Can read and decipher complex patterns.

## CREATIVITY

- Has a sense of adventure; is innovative.
- Knows many styles of quilting, including embellishments.
- Has a sense of design.
- Has knowledge of different techniques.
- Quilts do not all look alike: color, style, size etc.

## ORIGINALITY

- Should be able to produce original work.

## SERVICES

- Volunteer service in alignment with the guild's Mission Statement.
- Has chaired guild committees.
- Volunteers to help others learn.
- Shares her skills with others by teaching.

### **Committee for Reviewing Nominations for Master Quilter**

The review committee shall consist of 5 members, at least one from the following categories:

- Board Member
- Master Quilter
- MMQ Member

These five may be volunteers or selected by the President in a non-prejudicial manner. The review committee cannot have a nominee or nominator on the committee.

The committee's responsibilities are as follows:

- Set up a meeting place and times for the reviewers to evaluate the quilts. The nominee will bring in three quilts at the appointed time. Appointment time with the nominee can be flexible to meet their and the guild's schedule, but before the deadline.
- Use the "Master Quilter Rating Sheet for Nomination" to evaluate the skills of the nominee. There must be no bias shown by the reviewer. The rating must be fair. There must be consensus among the committee members.
- Completes the "Acceptance/Non-Acceptance Letter" (on the website) for the nominee. These results are not given to the nominee at the appointment. If

the nominee is not accepted, the reviewer must list suggestions to assist the nominee in improving their rating for the future.

- The “Acceptance/Non-Acceptance Letter(s)” are later mailed to the nominee(s) and nominator(s) at the same time. A list of the accepted nominee’s is sent to the President before the deadline to announce qualified candidates(s) for election.

### **Rating the Nomination(s)**

An appointment will be set up for the nominee to bring in three of their quilts that are representative of their work for the committee to review.

The Rating Committee will evaluate the quilts along with the Nomination Letter to determine if the nominee is an acceptable candidate for Master Quilter. The quilts will be returned at the end of the appointment.

The results of the rating will be mailed to the nominee(s) and nominator(s).

### **Time Schedule for Master Quilter Voting**

August Program Meeting:

The Master Quilter Voting Procedures are reviewed with the members.  
The nominations are opened.  
Nominations are closed by the September Program Meeting.

September Program Meeting

During September the Committee for reviewing nominations will set up an appointment with each nominee. They will bring their quilts to be evaluated. Denial or Acceptance letter will be sent to the nominee(s) and nominator(s).

October Program Meeting

The Master Quilter nominations will be announced.  
If it is decided, they will be asked to bring a quilt to show the membership.  
Nomination letters will be read to the membership.  
Nomination letters will also be submitted to the November newsletter and sent by email to the membership online.

November Program Meeting

The Master Quilter Vote will occur, and votes counted, but not revealed at this time. The reveal is at the Annual Holiday Party. Members who cannot be present at the first MMQ Meeting in November (2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month) must mail their

Master Quilter Votes to MMQ, P.O. Box before the meeting date in November following the Master Quilter Secret Ballot Voting Procedures.

### **Master Quilter Secret Ballot Voting Procedures**

#### **MEMBER PRESENT AT THE MEETING**

Members present at the voting meeting will be given a ballot. The members will sign a roster that they have voted for a candidate and will put the ballot in the box.

#### **MEMBER NOT PRESENT AT THE MEETING**

The member who will not be present at the voting meeting may put their vote on a piece of paper and insert it in a plain sealed envelope. That envelope is put in another mailing envelope with the member's name on the outside in some manner (i.e., return address) and mailed to MMQ, P.O. Box 3254, Sunriver, OR 97707. It must be mailed one week prior to the actual guild voting date to be received and counted in time.

#### **PRESIDENT**

Day before the guild voting day picks up all the ballots from the MMQ mailbox. Starts a roster and marks off those who have mailed in their ballots. Remove the identifying envelopes and put ballots/notes in box. Take the box and roster to the guild meeting.

#### **PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT**

Count the votes before the meeting ends to make sure there is not a tie vote. In the event of a tie, the vote will be repeated between the top two tying nominations only, with only the members present; OR, if only two members were nominated and tied the vote, the President and Vice-President may elect to award two Master Quilters.

### **Master Quilter Award**

The Master Quilter is announced during the program at the annual Holiday Party and is awarded the Master Quilter Necklace at that time.

The Master Quilter Necklace is ordered from Cheryl Chapman.

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