New from Old: a contest for quilters of all ages that celebrates the past in the frame of the present.

The 2010 New from Old contest is sponsored by Handi Quilter, Moda Fabrics, EZ Quilting, Simplicity Creative Group, Fons & Porter, Quilters Club of America, June Tailor, Quilting Arts, The Electric Quilt Company, The Quilt Show.com, Kreinik, Dharma Trading Company, Riversilks, C&T Publishing, Spoonflower, Quilters Newsletter, Darlene Zimmerman and Bust Magazine.

Entry Deadline: May 31, 2010

Download entry form

Theme
Our 2010 theme is “New from Old,” a broad theme that celebrates the past in the frame of the present.

Prizes and Sponsors
All winners will receive subscriptions from Quilter's Newsletter and custom-printed fabric by Spoonflower.

Grand Prize:
Handi Quilter HQ Sixteen Quilting Machine for Sit-Down Use

First Prize: Mega gift basket including items from Moda, Simplicity Creative Group, EZ Quilting, Quilting Arts, June Tailor, Quilters Club of America and Fons & Porter.
Second Prize: An EQ6 Price Package from The Electric Quilt Company containing EQ6 software, three EQ6 companion books, plus two STASH fabric CD's.

Third Prize: Gift basket including items from Riversilks, Kreinik, Dharma Trading Company, The Quilt Show.com and C&T Publishing.

Honorable Mention Prizes: All honorable mention winners will receive: custom printing by Spoonflower and a subscription to Quilters Newsletter. Special honorable mention prizes will be awarded by Bust Magazine, C&T Publishing and Darlene Zimmerman.

Inspiration
Imagine antique quilt blocks, trims, color palettes, and stitches translated and transformed by state-of-the-art sewing machines, vibrant modern fabrics, and new techniques by the innovative quilters of today. What does this theme mean to you personally? How has your quilting gone from old to new? You may even want to include a literal piece of your quilting past, such as part of an early quilt or a vintage piece that's frayed but has some spectacular elements intact.

To get inspiration from both historic and contemporary quilts visit the Quilt Index, http://www.quiltindex.org. Click on SEARCH or BROWSE in the menu bar to view over 47,000 quilts from public and private collections.

Contest Format and Rules
Contest quilts become a donation to AAQ. All entries will be auctioned on eBay with 100% of the proceeds supporting the AAQ and its projects. This auction is one of our most successful annual fundraisers and a great way for quilters to support our mission in a creative way.

Grand, 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize will be awarded as well as honorable mention awards. AAQ members will vote to award prizes (a good reason to become a member when you enter the contest and to solicit new members—every vote counts!).

Entry Fee: Non-refundable. Alliance members pay $5 per quilt. Non AAQ members* pay $25 for the first quilt and $10/ea for subsequent quilts. *Please click here for more information about becoming an
Alliance member for as low as $25/year. The Alliance for American Quilts is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Donations and memberships are deductible to the extent allowed by law.

Limit of Entries: None. Enter many!

Size of entries: Each work must measure 16"x16" square.

Sleeve and label: Each quilt must have a 4-inch sleeve sewn onto the back. A cloth label with the entrant's name, title of quilt and date must be securely sewn on the back of the quilt.

Artist's Statement: A 75-word (max) artist's statement must accompany each quilt (see entry form).

Jury: The members of the Alliance for American Quilts will each have one vote for their favorite quilt. Their decision will be final. Run-offs will be held as needed. The organizers reserve the right to decide which quilts will be included in exhibitions if space is limited

Who May Enter: Open to anyone who wishes to enter. The entries may be the work of more than one person as long as proper credit is given to all involved in the actual completion of the quilt.

Exhibitions: The quilts will be exhibited on The Alliance's website as well as national venues including the National Quilting Association's annual show in Columbus, Ohio, June 17-19, 2010 and the American Quilter's Society Show in Knoxville, Tennessee, July 14-17. The quilts will be auctioned on eBay and the proceeds will go to The Alliance for American Quilts.

Copyright Permission: Entry into the competition automatically grants copyright permission for the image of the quilt and/or all or part of the Artist's Statement about the quilt to be used in articles, ads, promotions, posters, card, catalogs, books, websites, CDs, event news coverage, television productions and/or multimedia productions for and about The Alliance for American Quilts. The quilt artist retains copyright to his/her quilt design.

Mail entries to: The Alliance for American Quilts, 125 S. Lexington Avenue, Suite 101, Asheville, NC 28801

Must be POSTMARKED no later than May 31, 2010. The complete entry should contain the following:

- Completed, signed Entry Form (one entry form per quilt) including Artist's Statement
- Quilt measuring 16" x 16" with 4" sleeve and label attached
- Non-refundable entry fee. Non AAQ members* pay $25 for the first quilt entered and $10/ea for subsequent quilts. Alliance members pay $5 per quilt. There are three payment options:
  - Check or money order, in U.S. funds drawn on a U.S. bank and made payable to The Alliance for American Quilts
  - PayPal: Login to your PayPal account. Send your payment to quiltalliance@yahoo.com. When you are asked to select "Category of Purchase," choose "Service/Other." In the "Message to Recipient" field, enter "Crazy for Quilts," your name and the title of your quilt.
  - Credit Card: Include your credit card info on the entry form.

*please include your membership form and dues payment if you are joining at this time
2010 Competition Calendar
May 31: Postmark deadline for entries.
June 14-18: AAQ members vote to determine contest winners.
June 28: Contest winners announced.
November 8-December 6: eBay auction of “New from Old” contest quilts to support the mission of the Alliance for American Quilts.

Contact
For further information contact Amy Milne, Executive Director, at (828) 251-7073 or by email: amy.milne@quiltalliance.org

This information sheet and an entry form for the “New from Old” contest can be downloaded on the AAQ website: http://www.allianceforamericanquilts.org.