

**Juried:** This is a show where you have to send in two photos of your quilt and your entry form and fee. (Photographs must be of good quality. If you would like more information about this, you can contact me). The photos are then previewed and the quilts that will be accepted into the show are chosen from these photos. You will receive a letter telling you if your quilt was accepted. The selected quilts are then collected, judged, and hung in the show.

**Judged:** This is a show where anyone who enters will have their quilt hung (depending on the number of entries allowed by the venue). At most quilt shows, when you send in your entry form, you can indicate whether you want your quilt entered as a “display only” or to be judged. (I ask why would you just enter to be displayed. We all love to see our quilt hanging in a show but Judging is a learning tool that helps us improve our skills. Let’s use it)!

**Non-Judged:** This is pretty self-explanatory. Some quilt shows have quilt shows and do not have the quilts judged, they only display the quilts. There are a number of reasons this is done and it depends on the individual guild. A non-judged show may or may not be juried, depending on a variety of things, for example, the room is unavailable for the number of quilts entered. Quilt-a-Fair quilts are not judged.

**Open Judging:** This is a quilt show where anyone can go and observe the judging while it is taking place. The most common places that have Open Judging are the County and State Fairs. Not all guilds or fairs have open judging because there is not enough room available in the judging area for extra people that are not directly involved in handling the quilts. You do not have to have a quilt entered into the show to be able to observe.

**Closed Judging:** A Closed quilt show indicates that only the people helping with the quilts are allowed in the area. No audience is allowed to observe. You may have entered a quilt in their show. There are a few County Fairs that are closed judging but not many. The Colorado State Fair is now Closed for Judging.

Ellen Palmer, Judge  
Competition Committee Chairman