

Three Rivers Quilters invites your guild to participate in a “Creative Quilting Challenge”

The Challenge for each participant is to make an 8" quilt showing “My Dream House, in line with our 2026 Quilt Show theme of “Log Cabin” quilts.

We’re just starting to plan this addition to our 2026 TRQ Quilt Show. Please help by:

- 1) reviewing this invitation,
- 2) sharing it with your Board and guild members and
- 3) quickly texting or emailing “no thanks” or “Challenge Accepted”

So, guild members, let your imagination run wild: whether your dream house is a cozy woodland retreat, a grand Victorian manor, or a modern city loft, we encourage you to capture its spirit, colors, and character using fabric and stitching. Each 8" quilt should be a window into your personal vision of home, reflecting both your creativity and quilting skill.

Completed challenge quilts will be proudly displayed at our 2026 Quilt Show, offering inspiration and delight to visitors as part of our celebration of “Log Cabin” quilts. This is a wonderful opportunity to share your artistry, connect with fellow quilters, and contribute to a truly unique showcase of quilting talent and dreams.

Displayed quilts will identify the name of the maker and the name of the guild they are representing.

The Rules for each quilt entry.....are *Simple*

1. The quilt must be finished at 8" square which includes binding. No more, no less.
2. The quilt must consist of 3 layers; top, batting, backing.
3. The quilt should be quilted....it's a 'quilt.'
4. The quilt may be constructed using any method acceptable for entry into the Quilt Show, such as piecing, appliquéd, etc.. If it were displayed in our show at a size of 90x90, consider how it *could* be made.

The Rules for Entering.....are *Simple*

1. Each guild invited will be permitted a maximum of 10 entries for display at the 2026 Show due to severely limited space and it is currently unclear how many guilds will participate. If your guild has an active membership, you may consider incorporating this as a guild challenge and selecting your top 10 entries to represent your guild in the TRQ Challenge at our 2026 show.
2. Please, only one entry per person entering the TRQ Challenge from your guild.
3. Participants must be a member of your guild.
4. Entries from your guild must be delivered to TRQ by ONE person. That same person (or designated alternate) must pick up ALL YOUR GUILD CHALLENGE ENTRIES at the close of the show and be responsible for returning them to their owners.
5. Participating Challenge quilts must be delivered April 10-12, 2026 and picked up after the show on April 18.
6. Provide us with a contact person from your guild who we can keep updated on our plans.

The Cost for Entering.....is *Simple*

Only your time & talent.

The Prize....*now we’re getting somewhere*

Attendees of our 2026 Quilt Show will be asked to vote on their favorite little house quilt. The top three will each receive four complimentary single-day tickets to the TRQ 2027 Quilt Show. All participating guilds and members receive our sincere thanks for sharing their time and talent with those attending our show.

Three Rivers Quilters would like to extend this invitation to the following Guilds:

Pittsburgh Modern Quilt Guild
North Pittsburgh Quilters Guild
Beaver Valley Piecemakers Quilt Guild
Martha Washington Quilt Guild
Quilt Company East, Pittsburgh

Three Rivers Quilters 2026 Show

April 16-18, 2026

Please Respond with your interest or non-interest asap (questions) to:

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This invitation is currently to guilds with ties to Three Rivers Quilters members. Space is very limited, so not all Pittsburgh-area guilds can be included in this year's Challenge. We always value your participation through quilt entries, attendance, and programs that support our show and community.

We want to recognize and give credit to the 2025 AQS Show that sponsored the Quilt Challenge for "My Dream Cabana". After seeing the creative entries while visiting the show, we were inspired to try issuing a similar challenge to our neighboring guilds. Some of their entries are shown below or you can Google "AQS Quilt Challenge 2025" to find more of their entries.

