

Piney Woods Quilt Festival

April 21-22, 2017

Carthage, Texas

Plans for the quilt show for next April are well underway. In addition to our annual *Quilt Challenge* and *Featured Quilter* exhibits, we will be continuing for 2017 a new show feature, the *Quilter's 411 Open Forum*. We will continue to provide extra incentives to attract a packed full vendor mall with the finest products and services for quilters and some more general merchandise for visitors, including jewelry and baskets. Please mark your calendars and save the dates. **Entry forms** are available by request or on the previous page; **the form has been edited** with some important changes that we hope everyone will read and take note. In particular, in 2017, sleeves will now be required on all quilts exhibited at the show and some category criteria are clarified. Now here are the details.

Quilter's 411 Open Forum.

We have a group of quilters who enjoy working together and helping others who have questions. We meet on the first Friday of each month at the County Extension Office, 522 W. College St. and invite anyone who is interested in quilting to bring in their projects and questions and enjoy a morning working together with friendly, experienced quilters. Of course we may not know all the answers but we enjoy learning and are eager to broaden our experience, searching out information as necessary. **Anyone with any questions (or answers!) is welcome, no membership required.**

We thought it would be fun to have a similar workshop format set up at the show with a few of our quilters available all day both days, working away on projects and available to visit and share information. So if you have questions or would enjoy stopping by to offer help or just visit, we invite you to spend some time at the New Annual *Quilter's 411 Open Forum*.

2017 PWQF Quilt Challenge - - - - "Birds of a Feather"

Everyone is eligible to enter a quilt in the *2017 Piney Woods Quilt Festival Challenge*. The winner of the challenge will be awarded a special ribbon and a cash award of \$100.

We think you will love our Challenge. The rules are simple.

- All eligible quilts will represent the theme "Birds of a Feather".
- Eligible quilts have no maximum size but there is a minimum size. Eligible quilts must have at least 120 inch perimeter (total of all side measures.)
- All eligible challenge quilt entries must consist of three layers, i.e., top, batting, and backing, and must be quilted and bound (or other edge finish.)
- Entry forms must be submitted by the regular entry deadline, Friday, April 7, 2017, along with the \$5.00 entry fee. After April 7, any late entries accepted will be assessed an additional \$5.00 late fee. (Be sure to mark the 900 Challenge category on the entry form.)
- All quilt entries must be delivered to the Carthage Civic Center and Community Shelter, 1702 S. Adams St. in Carthage, on Tuesday, April 18, 2017, between the hours of 9:00 am and 5:00 pm.

For more information, contact Ann McDaniel, 903-646-1791, rayannmcd@hughes.net

Featured Quilter Exhibit

The Featured Quilter for the *2017 Piney Woods Quilt Festival* is Mary Fussell. Mary has been a long time quilter and an active member of the Panola Squares Quilt Club. Her exhibit will include selections from her prize-winning collection of works with amazing precision and brilliant fabric coordination.