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Color Combinations Electrify Georgia Quilt Show

Georgia Quilt Show returns to the Gwinnett Center in Duluth, Georgia with aisles of quilted color and more than \$5,000 in cash prize awards. Opening October 14, Georgia Quilt Show 2010 brings together the “best of the best” in quilting, with aisles of gorgeous quilt displays, retail exhibits and hundreds of hours of hands-on workshops, all created with quiltmakers’ interests in mind.

“Seeking Color Harmony” is the competitive aspect of *Explorations in Quilting*, an initiative sponsored by GQS’s sister event, Original Sewing & Quilt Expo (www.sewingexpo.com). Quilters who have attended the Expo will take great pleasure in the expanded quantity, variety and depth of “all things quilt” inside Georgia Quilt Show 2010 classrooms, the Exhibit Hall and expanded Display Galleries this Fall.

Designed to expand a quiltmaker’s color boundaries, “Seeking Color Harmony” will accept entries through September 1, 2010. “The quilts we’re drawn to attract us because of the use of color . . . how the colors play off each other”, explains Gini Baldi, longtime quilter, driving force behind Georgia Quilt Show and Marketing Manager at MS. Productions, Inc., the company which brings Georgia Quilt Show and Original Sewing & Quilt Expo to life. Traditional or contemporary, folk or art quilt, color choices can make or break it. “Truly inspired use of color can turn a quilt into a prize-winner” she continues. “As a quilter, having a color ‘epiphany’ changes everything! This contest pushes quiltmakers to have experiences we can take home as a lesson for our own quilting.”

A juried competition, “Seeking Color Harmony” will become the feature Gallery Display at Georgia Quilt Show 2010. NQA certified judges will award the \$1,000 Prize for Best of Show in addition to First, Second and Third place awards in each of the three entry categories. Ribbons for Honorable Mention and Judges’ Choice will round out the recognitions. Winning quilts will then become a focal point in the Display Galleries at all Original Sewing & Quilt Expo Fall 2010/Spring 2011 events.

Open the door to your own inner or outer color exploration, and see the quilting world expand around you. Complete rules and entry forms are available at www.georgiaquiltshow.com.

Georgia Quilt Show features classes and workshops with leading quilt educators and an evening Keynote event with Laura Wasilowski. Quiltmakers can shop with more than 100 vendors who surround the Quilt Display Gallery with beautiful quilts and all the supplies, tools, books, patterns, enthusiasm and inspiration needed to make them on your own.

An active partnership between Georgia Quilt Show and the non-profit Georgia Quilt Council continues, helping this organization and area guilds to fund the Georgia Quilt Museum.

For more information, to receive an event and class brochure via email or US Mail or to find out more about entering “Seeking Color Harmony”, please visit georgiaquiltshow.com, sewingexpo.com or call 1-800-699-6309. Registration and class information will be posted to the websites this summer.

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