

Stories of the Stitch

A Quilt Show & Fiber Arts Showcase

What's it all about?

On Saturday, September 10th (*rain date: Saturday, Sept. 17th*), the twelfth annual Stories of the Stitch will paint the hills of Matthews Living History Farm with quilts of every imaginable color and pattern. This year's festivities will showcase a wide variety of disciplines within the world of traditional fiber arts. Live demonstrations include quilt- ing, weaving, spinning, felting and more! In addition to the celebrated judged Quilt Show, we'll have local musicians, arts & craft vendors, food & drinks, and entertainment for the whole family.

Each quilt may be accompanied by a story or "quilt tale" (optional). The story should be pinned to the quilt front, but not reveal your name and should be typed. Stories may be about the history of the quilt, the pattern, the personal significance of the quilt, the quilt-maker, or a tall tale. A ribbon will be awarded for the best story.

Please note, quilts that have been sent out for professional finishing may be marked down by the judges.

There is no limit on how many quilts a family may pre-enter, as long as there is a person to hang each quilt before 11:00am. Quilts must remain hanging until 3:00pm, weather permitting. Bring enough clothes pins to secure the quilt to the line and remember to pin your name to the back of each quilt.

Please remember this is an outdoor event. The Arts Council & Matthews Farm are not responsible for damage by mother nature or her creatures. If rain is imminent the judging will conclude in the pavilion.

Directions from Galax: take US 58 West toward Independence. Turn left onto Meadow Creek Road (1/2 mile after the blinking light at W. Stuart Drive). Continue on Meadow Creek Road 1.5 miles & turn right onto White Pine Road. The Farm is .3 miles on your right.

Tentative Schedule of Events

Stories of the Stitch is held in the beautiful setting of Matthews Farm from 10:00 am until 3:00 pm on Saturday, September 12th.

10:00 am	Farm Opens
10:30-3:00pm	Traditional Music, Fiber Arts Demonstrations & Vendors
10:00-2:30pm	Food & Beverages Available
10:00-11:00	Quilt Registration & Hanging
11:00-3:00	Quilt Show Viewing
2:30pm	Quilt Show Prizes Awarded
3:00 pm	Farm Closes

Join us for a day of fun, food, music & more!
Admission to Stories of the Stitch is free, though donations are gratefully accepted.

Categories & Prizes

Prize Ribbon awarded in each category:

- ✂ Hand-Pieced & Hand-Quilted
- ✂ Half & Half (Hand & Machine Worked)
- ✂ Machine-Pieced & Quilted
- ✂ Appliquéd (Hand or Machine)
- ✂ Other (art, clothing, pillows, etc.)
- ✂ Classic Quilts (created before 1940)
- ✂ Youth (for quilters under 20)
- ✂ Best Story or 'Quilt Tale'
- ✂ People's Choice

Quilts may be offered for sale. The Arts Council will retain 10% commission. Quilts should not be mass-produced, manufactured or store-bought.

Please do not enter a winner from the prior 3 yrs.