

## **Regarding the Junior Category**

For entrants age 16 and under. The quilt must be completed by the entrant, but can receive instruction and guidance by an adult.

This year we have waived entry fees for quilts entered in the Junior category. Also, there is no sleeve requirement for entries in this category. These entries will be shown in the exhibit area with all other categories. They will not be included in the usual judging process, but will be inspected by some of our SMQ members who have years of experience with quilt making and with entering their own quilts in competitions. Brief commentary about their quilts will be sent home with the quilts along with small gifts to encourage young quiltmakers to continue the craft. Our focus continues to be on showcasing the efforts of young quilt makers in the hope they will continue to learn and advance their skills and creativity. They will be among the next generation of quilters who will perpetuate the art and craft of quilting.

Each junior entrant will receive a label commemorating their quilt's entry into this show. The quilt receiving the majority of votes for Junior Viewer's Choice will receive a special ribbon and gift from Smoky Mountain Quilters.