

New Quilts from an Old Favorite

2026 Theme

Food

Entry fee: \$50

Quilt size: 24" wide x 40" long (portrait orientation) Judging: based on your innovative use and interpretation of a traditional block and the 2026 theme: Food. The quilt, in some recognizable way, must be about the Food and include an interpretation of a traditional block pattern of your choosing. All quilts must be an original design.

Complete list of contest rules, guidelines & how to enter are available online at: quiltmuseum.org/NQOF2026

Timetable

September 2, 2025

Entries open online

January 14, 2026 Entry deadline

January 28, 2026 Finalists are notified

February 18, 2026 Finalists' quilts due at NQM for judging

March 4, 2026 Winners notified

April 2026 Exhibit opens at NQM

January 2027Quilts are returned



Awards:

First Place - \$2000 Second Place - \$1500

Third Place - \$1000

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