

Hello Everyone,

I want to share that, Laura McHugh; Department Head for the Home Arts Department of the Fair will be speaking at our March meeting. I have asked Laura to speak to the group about what categories are in place this year for quilt entries, volunteering, and sign ups using SignUp Genius. SignUp Genius is used for all Fair driven volunteering (think intake, judging, hanging of quilts and take down).

To be clear, any guild driven volunteering (think Opportunity Quilt) will be on i Volunteer, and you will be notified by the guild when sign ups are open. The OQ is the only PQ activity that we will be holding at the 2024 Fair.

We now have 2 systems to use for the Fair. I remember the difference by thinking about who does the volunteer task support. When it is the Fair and the Home Arts Department, you use SignUp Genius. If the task is to help the guild directly, the Opportunity Quilt, you use i Volunteer.

We no longer have a member of the guild who is part of the Fair staff, therefore we do not have a member to answer questions about which category does a quilt entry belong. As the new Department Head, Laura has made guideline changes to categories plus added two new categories for 2024. If you are thinking you may want to enter quilts in the Fair, please review the online contest

book and come prepared with questions for Laura at the March meeting.

The contest book which includes category definitions for entries and how to sign up a quilt entry for 2024 Fair can be accessed via the Fair website.

<https://sanmateocountyfair.com/home-arts/>

PQ members gift of time is a key part of ensuring a robust Home Arts Department at the Fair. The dates, times and shifts needed for all Fair support work is online and ready for signups. I used the system and found it straight forward. I am sending the link for signing up, you are welcome to sign up now.

Link to sign up via SignUp Genius for all volunteer opportunities supporting Home Arts Department at the Fair. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0948AFAD2AA1FFC25-47672081-2024>

Both of the links I have provided are “hyper links” which means you click and will be taken to the site. As with any technology there are many individual systems in use and occasionally the link does not work for you. If you have problems accessing the contest book you can google San Mateo County Fair 2024 and find it. If you have problems with the SignUp Genius link, I do not have an alternative option. That is a question Laura will be able to answer at our meeting.

This is the time to look at the contest book, determine if you know what category to enter your quilt. If not, bring your questions for the “expert” to our March PQ meeting. Remember, we no longer have any guild member who is part of the Fair staff, therefore your questions about entry category can only be answered by Laura.

Hope to see many of you at the March meeting in person or on zoom.

Until then, keep the pedal to the metal,

Sandy Kelly