

**For Immediate Release:**

Feb. 1, 2012

**Contact:** Jennifer Pond

(801) 205-4701

jennifer@hmqqs.org



## **9th Annual Home Machine Quilting Show Will Be “Star Spangled” May 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> in Salt Lake City, Utah.**

(SALT LAKE CITY)— The 9<sup>th</sup> annual Home Machine Quilting Show (HMQS) will be held May 10-12, 2012 at the South Towne Exposition Center, 9575 So. State St., in Sandy (a suburb of Salt Lake City), Utah. The Home Machine Quilting Show is the premier consumer exhibition and hands-on educational show for machine quilters and embroiderers. HMQS features over 100 classes on a variety of quilting, embroidery and sewing topics, a judged quilt competition with \$27,000 in cash awards, a Vendor Mall of 200 booths, a dozen special quilt exhibits, a quilted garment display, and hundreds of quilts on display. There will also be free demonstrations, free “make & take” projects, and fabulous grand prizes just for attending.

The HMQS 2012 show theme is “Star Spangled” and the official 2012 show charity is the Quilts of Valor Foundation, a non-profit organization dedicated to “covering” all veterans and service members touched by war with a quilt designed for comfort and healing. HMQS is pleased to host a Charity Quilt-Off for Quilts of Valor. Thanks to the generous support of Handi Quilter, Quilting Treasures, and Winline Textile Products attendees will have the opportunity to help machine quilt several quilts for Quilts of Valor while at the show.

HMQS is pleased to announce that a very unique Quilts of Valor quilt, “Big Bertha,” made by Bridgette Stein, of Shepherd, TX and quilted by Ludie Smith of Exeter, CA will be on special exhibit at the show. “Big Bertha,” named for its size – 7½’ wide x 17 ½’ long – will be displayed on the ceiling of The Serving Project bus. The quilt features unique designs by Bridgette including doves, a liberty bell, and a motorcycle. The focal point of the quilt is a purple heart in the center, a copyrighted design by Janetta Killough of Ogden, UT.

The Serving Project bus, a 60’ bus created to meet all ADA accessibility standards, was built with love by Texan, Keith Field, to serve war veterans. The purpose of the bus is to transport veterans to and from medical appointments in comfort and dignity. Complete with Internet, a kitchen, washer & dryer, wheelchair lift, sleeping area, and even the official seal of the United States backlit on the stone mantle – this bus treats veterans to a ride in style! Attendees will have the opportunity to go inside the decked-out bus, as well as speak with Field and Stein at HMQS, where they will stop over with the Serving Project bus along its debut tour, all the way from Splendora, TX. The Gold Sponsor for this one-of-a-kind vehicle at HMQS is Pellon® Legacy™. For more information on the bus go to [www.servingproject.org](http://www.servingproject.org). Donations can be made to the Serving Project and Quilts of Valor at the show.

HMQS has partnered with several other companies to offer quilting challenges to benefit veterans and Quilts of Valor, as well. The 2012 Riley Blake Designs Fabric Challenge & Auction, sponsored by Christensen Wholesale, with batting sponsored by Pellon® Legacy™, will spotlight quilts made by individuals and machine-quilting guilds from all over the nation. The challenge quilts will be judged, \$1,000 in cash awards will be given out to the winners, and the quilts will then be live auctioned off at 12:30 p.m. on Saturday from the main stage. 100% of the proceeds from the Challenge quilt auction will go to Quilts of Valor. The 2012 quilt exhibit will showcase two other fabric challenges – the Quilting Treasures Quilts of Valor Challenge with batting sponsored by Winline Textile Products LC and the SewBatik Fabric Piecing Challenge with batting sponsored by Hobbs Bonded Fibers. These challenges will also be judged, and the winners awarded \$1,000 in cash awards. The Quilting Treasures Quilts of Valor Challenge quilts will be donated to U.S. veterans through Quilts of Valor.

Attendees can also view dozens of fantastic quilts on display in the 2012 Special Exhibit. Highlights of the special exhibit will include Al Lind's Quilts of Valor quilts, Mary Davis and her religious quilts, Old Quilts Made New by Pam Clarke, and the Seasons challenge exhibit sponsored by Machine Quilting Unlimited.

The highlight of the show will be the hundreds of quilts in the judged quilt competition, with \$27,000 in cash awards. The awards ceremony for the judged quilt competition will be Thursday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 p.m. on the Main Stage. Entrance to the awards ceremony is included with show admission. Online quilt entry is available and the entry form deadline is April 13, 2012. Quilts must be received no later than April 27<sup>th</sup>.

Friday at 12:30 p.m. on the Main Stage will be a special presentation and quilt trunk show by featured artist, Jill Finley, of Jillily Studio. Attendees will also enjoy show specials and deals on quilting / sewing products during the Saturday Shopping Spree on May 12<sup>th</sup> from 1-4 p.m. in the Vendor Mall.

Classes will be held throughout the show, beginning on Wednesday, with evening classes available. Over 100 classes for every skill level will be offered by the nation's top machine quilters and embroiderers. HMQS offers online class registration through April 27<sup>th</sup>, and on-site registration at the show.

Major sponsors of HMQS 2012 include the Home Machine Quilting Association, Nuttalls' Sewing Centers, MediaOne of Utah, Handi Quilter Inc., American & Efird, Brother International, Gammill Quilting Systems, Rocky Mountain Electric Quilters, and Machine Quilting Unlimited.

HMQS 2012 show hours are 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Thursday, May 10<sup>th</sup>; 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Friday, May 11<sup>th</sup> and 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup>. The show is open to the public, and parking is free. Cost to attend the event is \$10 per day or \$25 for a 3-day pass. Ages 13-17 are only \$5 and children 12 & under are free. Free admission with military I.D. or a completed Quilts of Valor quilt for donation. Show admission is free with class registration. Classes are additional. Online class registration and quilt entry are available. For more information visit the show web site at [www.hmqs.org](http://www.hmqs.org).

###