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## HOME MACHINE QUILTING SHOW

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### **11<sup>th</sup> Annual Home Machine Quilting Show May 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> in Salt Lake City, Utah**

(SALT LAKE CITY)— The 11<sup>th</sup> annual Home Machine Quilting Show (HMQS) will be held May 8-10, 2014 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. The HMQS 2014 show theme is “Quilters’ Symphony,” and this year’s quilts will be a visual symphony of colors, fabrics, patterns, and quilting styles! HMQS features 130 classes on a variety of quilting, embroidery and sewing topics, a judged quilt competition with \$28,000 in cash awards, a Vendor Mall of 200 booths, special quilt exhibits, a quilted garment display, and more than 700 gorgeous quilts on display. There will also be free demonstrations, free “make & take” projects, and amazing grand prizes just for attending.

The 2014 Riley Blake Designs Fabric Challenge & Auction, sponsored by Christensen Wholesale with batting sponsored by Hobbs Bonded Fibers, 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 ServicesMoves, the official show charity. ServiceMoves is a local humanitarian effort reaching out with help to all 16 battered women’s shelters in Utah, the Utah Food Bank, local hospitals, refugee centers, and dozens of other groups across the state as well as the globe.

The 2014 quilt exhibit will showcase three other fabric challenges – the Quilting Treasures Quilts of Valor Challenge and the ADORNit Fabric Challenge with batting sponsored by Winline Textile Products LC, and the SewBatik Piecing Quilt Challenge. These challenges will also be judged, and the winners awarded \$1,000 in cash awards for each challenge. After being judged and displayed, the Quilting Treasures challenge quilts will be donated to the Quilts of Valor Foundation.

The highlight of the show will be the hundreds of quilts in the judged quilt competition, with \$28,000 in cash awards. The awards ceremony for the judged quilt competition will be Thursday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 p.m. on the Main Stage. Entrance to the awards ceremony is included with show admission Thursday. Attendees can also view dozens of fantastic quilts on display in the 2014 Special Exhibit.

Friday at 12:30 p.m. on the Main Stage will be a special presentation and quilt trunk show by featured artist, Judi Madsen of Green Fairy Quilts. And on Saturday attendees can take advantage of show specials and deals on quilting / sewing products during the Saturday Shopping Spree on May 10<sup>th</sup> from 1 - 4 p.m. in the Vendor Mall. The Vendor Mall will feature over 100 companies in 200 booths.

Classes will be held throughout the show, beginning on Wednesday, with evening classes available. There will be 130 classes for every skill level, offered by the nation's top machine quilters and embroiderers. Online registration is available after Jan. 10<sup>th</sup> and on-site registration is available at the show between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. beginning Wednesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>.

Major sponsors of HMQS 2014 include the Home Machine Quilting Association, Nuttalls' Sewing Centers, MediaOne of Utah, Handi Quilter Inc., Gammill Quilting Systems, Brother International, Rocky Mountain Electric Quilters, American & Efird, and Machine Quilting Unlimited.

HMQS 2014 show hours are 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Thursday, May 8<sup>th</sup>; 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Friday, May 9<sup>th</sup> and 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup>. Classes begin Wednesday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 8 a.m. The show is open to the public, and parking is free. Cost to attend the show is \$12 per day or \$30 for a 3-day pass. Ages 13-17 are only \$5 and children 12 & under are free. Show admission is free with class registration. Classes are additional, and pricing is available online. For a full schedule of events and other information visit the show website at [www.hmq.org](http://www.hmq.org).

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