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Sewing's Next Generation is a Youth Fashion & Project Show where today's young sewers can show off their projects and share the fun of sewing and quilting with a live audience. Prizes will be awarded to first, second and third-place winners in each of two age groups: 9-13 and 14-18. Plus, everyone who participates will receive gifts from Original Sewing & Quilt Expo.

If you sew or quilt and are between the ages of 9 and 18, you are invited to model or display a project in the show on Saturday at 3:45 PM. Here's what you should do to get involved, or to help a young sewer (or group of young sewers) get involved:

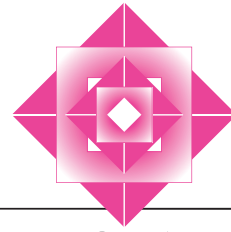
1. Take a look at the forms included in this packet and decide which one of your projects or outfits you would like to show off! Begin to fill out Form #1, the Participant Form. Review and sign Form #2, the Rules Form. If you're under 18, have your parent or guardian review and sign Form #2.
2. Return both of these forms by email, regular mail or fax to our offices (see page 2) at your earliest convenience. We can accommodate just 50 entrants; so don't wait until the last minute!

Each participant and accompanying adult will receive FREE General Admission passes for their day at Original Sewing & Quilt Expo. *Please arrive with your project at the Registration Area between 8:00am and 11:00am on Saturday, as judging starts at 11:15am.* Expo Staff will be there to receive your project and form, and help you get started on your day at the Expo. Participants who arrive after judging has begun will still have the opportunity to be a part of the Sewing's Next Generation show; however, they will not be judged or eligible for 1st, 2nd or 3rd place awards.

The Registration Area opens at 8 AM and the Exhibit Hall opens at 10 AM. You'll be able to shop and take in as many stage presentations as you would like. There are Make-It Take-It projects and the Make-It Center for everyone to enjoy along with food and beverage service.

Please be advised that due to contractual obligations with the center, outside food and beverages are prohibited.

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When projects are accepted at the Registration Area, they will be placed on a rolling garment rack, on which they "travel" from the Registration Area to the judging and then to the stage area. Therefore, all garments, quilts, wallhangings and such should arrive on hangers with clear plastic bags (drycleaning style) over them. Projects that do not hang easily should arrive in a shopping bag with handles, along with a suitable hanger. Because judging is anonymous, please refrain from labeling your plastic bag with your name. If you are bringing garments to model, you will be directed to the dressing area near the stage so you may change prior to the 3:45 presentation. All participants will meet at the designated stage by 3:15 PM.

***Participation forms must be received in our office
no later than one week prior to the Expo.***

Participation forms should be emailed, mailed or faxed to:
Sewing's Next Generation – Original Sewing & Quilt Expo
909 Canterbury Rd., Suite F
Westlake, Ohio 44145
Fax: 440-899-6302
Phone: 800-699-6309
Email: info@sewingexpo.com



Participant Entry – Form #1

Please complete and sign these forms, and send them in to us **along with your project's commentary.** Participants being judged must arrive by 11 AM Saturday.

Expo City of Participation: _____

Name: _____

Street Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____, ____ _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Age: _____ Parent or Chaperone Name: _____

Describe your project for identification purposes: _____

Project Commentary:

Please attach an additional sheet with details about your project.

This will be read as your commentary while you are on stage. Commentary should not exceed 125 words. Please type the commentary using size 12 or 14 font, double-spacing between lines. Be sure to write what your project is and what colors, fabrics, techniques, etc. were used. You can tell us why you chose this project, share a story about working on it, and tell us one or two other things you like to do outside of sewing. You can use the questions below as a guide when writing your commentary:

How long have you been sewing?

What fabric or sewing store do you regularly buy your materials from?

How did you decide to do this particular project?

What was the most fun part of this project?

What was the most challenging part?

Was there a part that you thought would be hard that turned out to be easy?

What part are you most proud of?

Would you do this project again? If so, how might you change it?

Which of the following have been part of your sewing education? (Check all that apply.)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 4-H | <input type="checkbox"/> Girl Scouts | <input type="checkbox"/> Home School | <input type="checkbox"/> Parent |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Elementary School | <input type="checkbox"/> Middle/ Jr. High | <input type="checkbox"/> High School | <input type="checkbox"/> Grandparent |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Friend | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | | |

I have made this project within the past 12 months. While I may have had advice from others, all the actual work is my own.

Signature of Participant _____

Date _____



Rules – Form #2

Please complete and sign these forms, and send them in to us along with your project's commentary. Participants being judged must arrive by 11 AM Saturday. If you are under age 18, you must have a parent or guardian sign below.

1. Participants will be separated into two categories by age: 9-13 and 14-18. Prizes will be awarded, respectively, for first, second and third-place winners in each age category. All participants will receive gifts from Original Sewing & Quilt Expo. Participants may submit and model one project.
2. Judges will be appropriate professionals and will not have any relationship to the participants and all judging will be done with an eye to rewarding creativity as much as technical skills. All judging will occur anonymously without any prior knowledge of the entrant. Each judge will score on his or her own, the scores will be joined and winners awarded with prizes during the Sewing's Next Generation Youth Fashion & Project Show on Saturday afternoon.
3. By participating in the contest, all entrants agree that Original Sewing & Quilt Expo may take photographs of the entrants, on the stage or posed, individually or in groups with other entrants, and may use those photographs in advertising and promotional materials in any media, including on their website, without further obligation or liability of any kind to any entrant. By participating, entrants agree and understand that they shall have no right to approve any such uses and no claims against Original Sewing & Quilt Expo / Creative Crafts Group arising out of any such uses, whether arising out of copyright, trademark rights, rights of publicity or privacy, moral rights or any other rights.
4. By entering, you agree to release Original Sewing & Quilt Expo, Creative Crafts Group and their respective officers, directors, employees, agents, parent companies, affiliates and subsidiaries from liability of any kind or nature for any loss, claims, damages, or injuries of any kind associated with participation in the contest or acceptance, possession, participation in or use of any prizes.
5. By entering, all entrants accept and agree to be bound by these rules and the decisions of Original Sewing & Quilt Expo, relating to participation in contest, selection of winners and awarding of prizes, whose decisions are final.

I agree to the rules and procedures as listed above. Participant's Name: _____

Participant's Signature: _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian (or applicant if age 18)

Date



Age Group _____

Judging Form

Judge's Initials:

Because Sewing's Next Generation has been designed to support and celebrate the creativity, artistic expression and personal satisfaction sewing and quilting bring, judging criteria have been set to be as inclusive and broad as possible. All projects are evaluated with equal importance given to the artist/creative categories and technical/construction categories. And while not all categories will apply to all projects, every participant will, due to score averaging, have equal access to awards and prizes.

All categories will be given a score of 1(low) to 10 (high). All categories that apply will be given a score. The final rating will be determined by adding all the category scores together and dividing by the number of categories judged. Overall Appearance and Overall Workmanship are weighted at double the value of all other categories.

Overall Appearance

Overall Workmanship

Technical Construction

Seams and seam finishes

Handwork and finishing details

Embellishments

Degree of difficulty

Artistic Considerations

Use of embellishment

Use of color combinations, prints and/or fabric combinations

Use of notions and trims

Union of materials for the design

Total Score

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Categories Scored

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Final Rating