

Colorado Quilting Council
Capitol Quilt Show Committee
Summary Report for Capitol Quilt Show 2009
To be presented to
The Capitol Building Advisory Committee
October 16, 2009

Thank you to the CBAC for allowing CQC to renew the odd-years summertime tradition to hold the Capitol Quilt Show in this magnificently beautiful and historic building. Thank you to Mrs. Jeannie Ritter for assisting in the officiating over the Opening Ceremonies held in the Old Supreme Court Chambers on 6/5/09. Thank you to House Representative Mr. Jim Riesberg from District 50 (Weld County), for his continued support by sponsoring our use of the "OSCC" and this long standing event.

The quilts were installed on Mon. 6/1/09. It took us a full day with the help of approximately 35 CQC volunteers in addition to Freeman Co. Inc., the professional exhibitors' labor crew that was hired to complete this project. Dismantle of the quilt show occurred on Thurs. 8/20/09. We're very pleased with the efficient results of the crew and again our faithful CQC volunteers to accomplish this job in about 5 hours!

There were over 270 entry forms submitted to our committee in hopes that their quilt has the prestigious opportunity to be on display in our State Capitol. Many trips were made to meet with the Capitol Complex staff and others to plan for and negotiate this large number. In the end, CQC complied with Capitol personnel concerns and only 250 could be accepted due to display space and security restrictions.

The quilts were proudly exhibited throughout the building on all three floors including the first floor, East wing and the second floor Presidential Rotunda. Of that total number, approx. 60% of the quilt makers/owners are CQC members and 40% are not, but still Colorado residents, as it is mandated by the entry form requirements. Each participant received a pin, quilt label and certificate to commemorate the event.

Upon review of the 180 pages of visitor guest-lists we have determined that this exhibition was seen and enjoyed by citizens from 46 states of the USA. Also more than 30 countries were represented from around the world, including various provinces of Canada and the United Kingdom. The guest lists offered visitors to comment on the Capitol building and the Quilt Show. We estimate over 10% of the people made brief use of it to express their appreciation of this exhibition in this tremendous venue.

The 2009 Capitol Quilt Show received significant advertisement this year; The Denver Post, KGNU Community Radio (Metro Arts program), American Quilting Society (AQS) blog, Quilter's Newsletter Magazine and The Quilt Show (TQS) which is an internet program styled for quilters and others interested in the arts available online.

Our deepest gratitude goes to Mrs. Edna Pelzman, Manager of Visitor Services who without her endless enthusiastic support and influence towards our purpose, this CQC production could not take place.

Submitted on September 30, 2009 by Karen Hadfield and Catherine Culp