

EVERY YEAR, A NEW CHALLENGE!

Every year, the European Patchwork Meeting holds an **International Quilt Contest** which is an outstanding showcase for quilters from around the world.

A theme emerges from the minds of the EPM's (European Patchwork Meeting) organizing team in the fall every year. It kicks off a new contest, **open to patchwork lovers from all over the globe**. All the participants spend the next several months imagining and crafting their entries before registration begins in the Spring.

Then, the **three judges** examine all the entries based on photos and select the **30 quilts** that best represent the theme and whose execution shows the finest quality.

DISCOVER OCEAN, THE 2024 THEME

Ocean, a theme filled with light and secrets that takes us to the depths of a yet little-explored underworld!

Our oxygen intake, as well as the climate and the ambient temperatures around the globe depend on this vast body of water. The ocean is also a sanctuary to **animal diversity** and to a wide range of **surprising plants**: a wonderful haven for species of all kinds and sizes. So little is known of this element **essential to life**, and yet our seas are already severely threatened.

Atlantic, Pacific, Arctic, Austral or Indian—the ocean covers 70% of our planet, but is only a part of everyday life for a lucky few.

This theme invites you to exactly this: depict your own vision of the ocean if you don't live near it, tell us about the wide sea you may dream of crossing, share with us the beach spot you love, the bird, the ship, the sunset that fuels your creativity.

Warm tones for the southern seas or colder shades for the arctic icebergs: the color palette chosen by each contestant might reveal where they're from, or at least where their aesthetic sense lies.

Beyond the word "ocean", we're, of course, particularly interested in the idea of water, its texture, its importance in our lives.

It is time for all quilters to dive deep in their imagination for this ambitious patchwork project!





HOW TO PARTICIPATE

80x120 cm (31x47 inches) *width x height*

DEADLINE May 15, 2024

REGISTRATION FEE25€

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MEET THE JURY PANEL







Carolina ONETO is a modern quilter from Chile, currently living in São Paolo, Brazil.

She is famous for her polished designs and lively use of color. She has exhibited her quilts in the USA (AQS Quilt Week, QuiltCon), as well as in France, Brazil, the UK, etc.

Find her at carolingoneto.com

Maryse ALLARD is a textile artist from Paris, France, whose work focuses on Korean bojagi, a transparent artform that focuses on minimalistic expression and fine execution. She has exhibited and taught in the USA, France, the UK, Russia, Spain, Japan and Korea.

Find her at maryseallard.fr

Debra MILKOVICH is a contemporary quilter currently living in Honolulu, Hawaii. Her art quilts are famous for their maximalist aesthetics, saturated colors, 3D effects and pop-culture references. She has exhibited her work in the USA and in France.

Find her at debbiedoesquilts.com

Together they form an ecletic trio, representing very different approaches to textile art, different cultures and different use of colors and composition.





The 30 selected works will be exhibited **September 12-15th**, **2024** at the 29th European Patchwork Meeting in France for the **premiere of the Ocean exhibition**.

Prizes for a **total value over 7.000€** will be awarded by the organizers and the contest sponsors to outstanding works during the awards ceremony.

The exhibition then travels from September to August in several countries around the globe.

More information on this contest's itinerary and upcoming destinations can be found on the European Patchwork Meeting's official website: patchwork-europe.eu as well as on EPM's social media!

CONTEST INFORMATION

You would like to host Ocean or EPM's next traveling exhibition at your event, art gallery or museum? Send an email to Marion Keller, artistic director at *exposition@patchwork-europe.eu*!





Share your progress and sneak peeks of your quilt using the official contest hashtags!



