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“BARN TO QUILT” 4-H QUILT SHOW

There were five participants for the Glenn County 4-H Quilt Show held at the Glenn County Fairgrounds in Orland, reports Christine Kampmann, Glenn County 4-H Community Education Specialist. The event took place on Sunday, May 15, 2022, and the “Barn to Quilt” themed event was enjoyed by all who participated and attended.

The purpose of this event is to provide educational activities for youth who are learning and growing in citizenship, leadership, and life skills and for them to be inspired with an appreciation of textiles, where they can promote self-esteem through individual expression shown in their quilts. The Quilt Show provided an opportunity to express what the 4-H members in the quilting project have learned and made. Male or female youth, ages 5-18 years old, currently enrolled in the quilting project were all eligible to compete in this showmanship event and be evaluated on the presentation of what they have created. After evaluations took place, there was a Quilt Show open to the public. Members’ commentaries were read, introducing the members, where they found their inspiration, their experiences during the process, including some highlights and challenges they had to overcome to complete the quilt.

In the Junior Quilting Division, a red certificate was awarded to Aria Rodriguez of the Plaza 4-H Club and a gold medal was awarded to Megan Lohse of the Clover 4-H Club. The Quilting Junior Division’s top score medallion winner was Megan Lohse of the Clover 4-H Club. In the Intermediate Quilting Division, blue medals were awarded to Ripley Springstead of the Clover 4-H Club and Emma Lepp of the Schaffert 4-H Club. A gold medal was awarded to Evelyn Choe of the Schaffert 4-H Club. The Quilting Intermediate Division’s top score medallion winner was Evelyn Choe of the Schaffert 4-H Club. Megan Lohse of the Clover 4-H Club was awarded a sewing machine for the Top Overall Quilting Award.

Debbie Storz was the County-Wide Quilting leader and chairperson for this event. Debbie has dedicated many hours teaching these members all about quilting as well as preparing for the event.

Without all of Debbie's hard work, this event would not have happened. A special thank you also to the evaluators: Sharon McDaniel, Debbie Blake, and Katie McDaniel who took time out of their busy schedules to evaluate the member's presentations and quilts. Thank you to Honey Run Quilters in Chico, Quilt Corral in Willows, Walmart in Willows, and JoAnn's in Chico, as these businesses were all community sponsors allowing the 4-H Youth Development Program to provide each participant with incentives and awards to further inspire them in the quilting project. Thank you to all the volunteers and parents who helped at this event, as well as the Glenn County Fairgrounds for the use of their facilities.



Figure 1: Quilt show participants holding their quilts.

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