

A variety of quilting techniques and styles are illustrated in the show. Hand applique is well represented. Near the elevator, be sure not to miss the Best Piecing Award winner by Doris Smith with over 100 6" blocks, all different. Doris won that award at the 9th Biennial Quilt show at the Fairgrounds in mid-June.

Foundation Piecing is another ages old technique. Where in the past muslin might be used, now printed paper patterns are sewn together "upside down and backwards" onto a backing, making very intricate and precise designs possible which might otherwise be extremely difficult to piece.

The front gallery holds several of the quilts from two of the Guild "challenges" held this year. A challenge is an invitation to make a quilt which follows certain rules. The CCPiecemakers Guild was proud to win the award for Best 2017 Guild Challenge at the Pigeon Forge show in March. They bested 12 other Guilds to take the only award. The rules were a size limit and to use only black, white, and one other color. There are also two quilts from their own Guild challenge "*Living Green in the Circle of Life*". As you may have guessed, the rules required the use of at least two greens and at least one circle within a size range. For your pleasure they have curated a show representative of both the old and the new, in styles, techniques, fabric choices, and methods of piecing blocks that have been used for centuries.

The Cumberland County Piecemakers meet on the first Wednesday of the month at the 127 South Senior Center on South Main St. across from the new Health Department. Visitors are welcome. For more information, visit their website [www.ccpiecemakers.com](http://www.ccpiecemakers.com). Please take a brochure for more information about their many activities, classes, and trips.

"*Tangerine Smack-a-roo*", pictured right, was pieced and quilted by Brita Pingry. She claims, "Black and white and one other color has always been a favorite of mine, and tangerine always catches my eye. This pattern is "*Chic Kisses*", so the name seemed obvious. This quilt was one of six that won the Pigeon Forge 2017 Guild Challenge for the CCPiecemakers."

