

See the *Prince Cherrywood Challenge 2018* at the 2019 QUILT SHOW Feb. 7 – 9, 10am – 4pm Indian River County Fairgrounds - 7955 58th Avenue Presented by the Vero Beach Sunbonnet Sue Quilt Guild

What can you create with just one color?

Every year, Cherrywood Hand Dyed Fabrics challenges artists to create a unique piece of art with a limited color palette. Given simple rules, they were encouraged to push themselves creatively to design an original quilt, taking inspiration from the music, movies and legacy of the late **Prince Rogers Nelson**. Three traveling exhibits were chosen from more than 380 submissions. The cohesive colors, size, theme and texture of Cherrywood make the exhibit one of a kind. There were no limits on technique, so the viewer will see incredible manipulations of fabric in these 20-inch quilts. The collection is stunning and we hope you can appreciate the time and artistry that went into their creation!

Prince Rogers Nelson was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota in 1958. A son of a pianist and a jazz singer, he wrote his first song when he was just seven years old. Prince was a musical innovator who was known for his eclectic work, flamboyant stage presence, extravagant dress and makeup, and wide vocal range. He was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2004. He has sold over 100 million records worldwide and recorded over 40 albums, making him one of the best-selling music artists of all time. His iconic film "Purple Rain" was filmed in Minneapolis, home of the legendary First Avenue nightclub. Even though Prince could have lived anywhere in the world, he still called Minnesota home up until his untimely death in 2016. Paisley Park, Prince's studio and home, is located just 200 miles from the Cherrywood Studio, making this an obvious choice for our fourth contest. Participants not familiar with Prince gained a much deeper appreciation of his contributions to the world of music and beyond. Cherrywood is proud of this beautiful textile tribute to an iconic musician and generous philanthropist.

RULES of the Cherrywood Challenge:

1. Quilts must measure 20"x 20"
2. Majority of the quilt must be Purple and Black
3. Entire quilt top must be Cherrywood
4. Quilt must be original design based on theme
5. Any embellishment may be used
6. Any technique may be used

FACTS: Participants registered for the contest by purchasing a bundle of fabric from Cherrywood. There were nine months between the announcement of the theme (at International Quilt Festival in Houston) and the due date. A panel of jurors judged all 388 entries and decided on 165 Finalists representing 36 US states and 8 countries (Australia, Brazil, Canada, Denmark, Japan, The Netherlands, Switzerland, United States) There are three exhibits traveling on separate schedules, roughly divided by western and eastern United States participants. Foreign entries and ribbon winners are divided between exhibits. There are times when both the Live and Tribute Tours will be seen together. Vero Beach is hosting the Tribute Tour

Cherrywood Hand Dyed Fabric has been located in Brainerd, Minnesota, for over 32 years. The small staff of 8 produces the only hand-dyed quilting fabric that truly looks like suede. The exclusive gradations are the inspiration for quilters, designers, and wearable artists around the world. Once you feel it, you will understand why Cherrywood is the leader in hand-dyed fabrics. Cherrywood combines a proprietary technique, expertly-designed collections of colors, and high quality fabrics to offer you the best product for your creative needs. The process they have perfected over 30+ years produces a beautiful tone-on-tone texture that reads as a solid, but has depth and variety that will never be replicated by mass-production. Cherrywood is proudly made in the U.S.A. by women who sew, create and dye a little every day.

