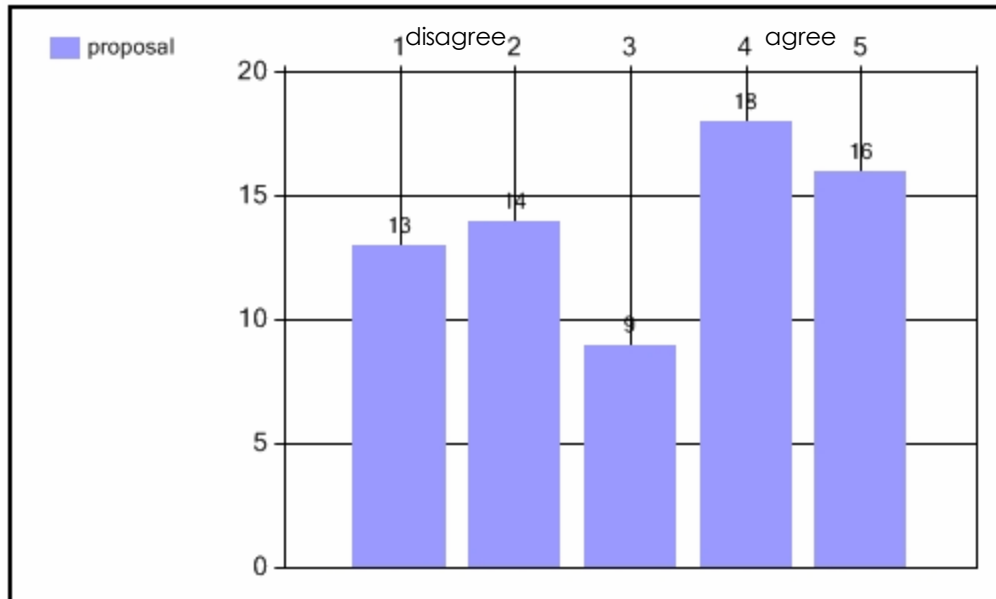


Results of Survey of Proposal to have a Judged Show

There were 70 responses to the survey with many thoughtful comments and suggestions. While those in favor of the proposal clearly outnumbered those who were opposed (34 to 27) there were strong feelings on both sides of the issue that must be addressed in making a decision.

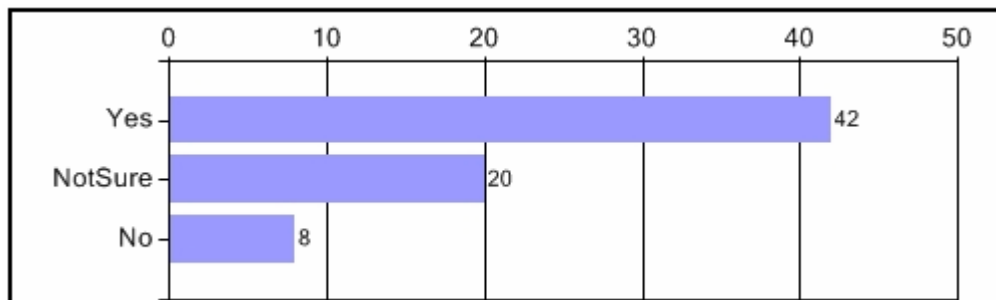


While new members of the guild were more likely to be in favor (4-2-0), members of 10 or more years were fairly evenly split (6-7-2).

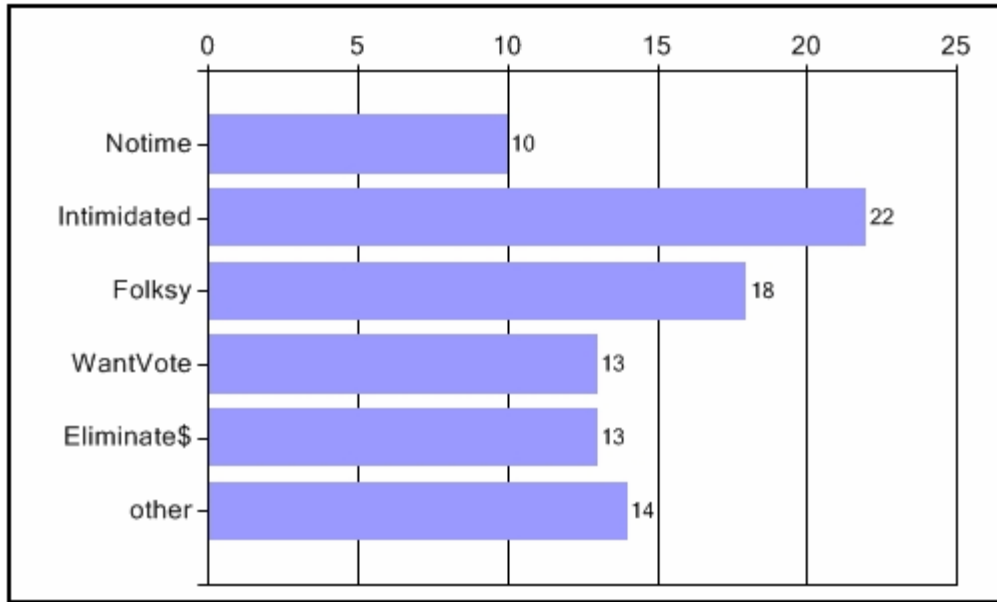
Members who are not invested in the guild (do not attend meetings and minimal involvement in the show) were all in favor of the proposal.

Of the 30 members who are most involved in the Quilt Show, those in favor outnumbered those opposed by more than 2 to 1 (19 in favor, 9 opposed and 2 indifferent).

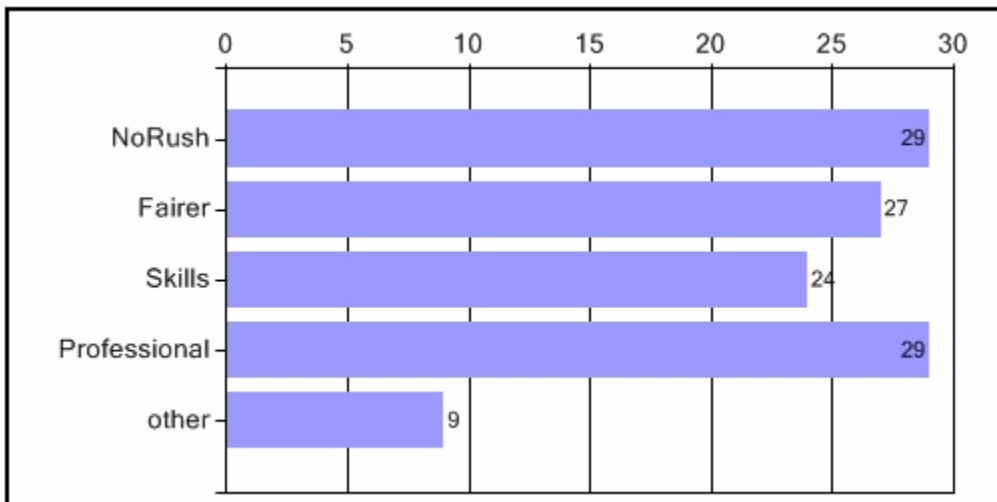
Respondents expressed concern that a judged show would limit participation; however data collected indicate that it would not have much effect. There were 8 respondents who indicated that they would not have an entry in a judged show, but 4 of those were in favor of the proposal. Most often the reasons for not entering were because they had not completed a quilt and had little to do with whether entries were judged or not.



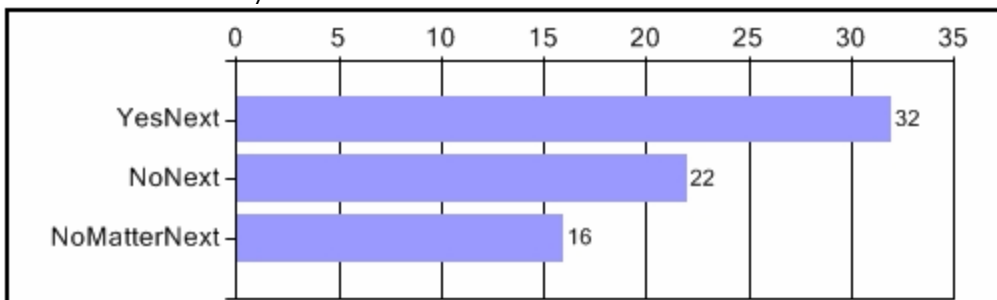
Respondents who did not favor the proposal most often selected intimidation as the reason and many felt that we would lose the 'folksy' nature of the show.



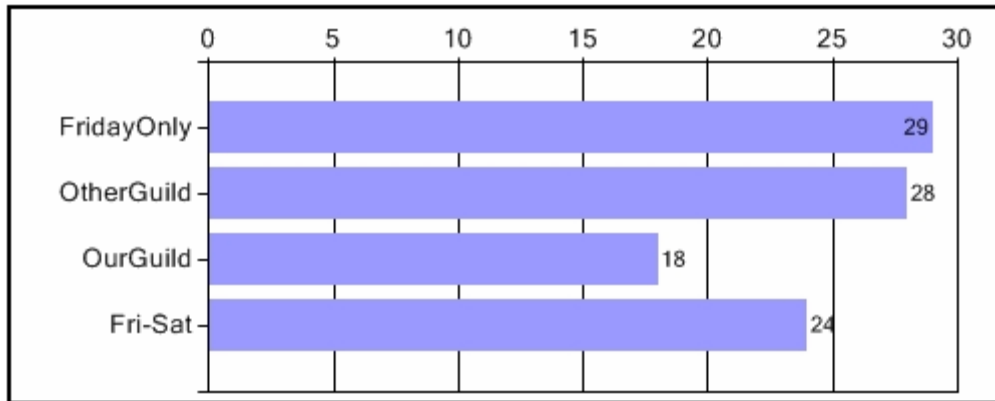
Those who favored the proposal felt that it would be fairer and produce a more relaxed and professional show.



Not surprisingly all those who did not favor moving to a judged format next year were also not in favor of the proposal; however two who were opposed for this year were in favor for the next year.



When asked about other options, most respondents favored either a Friday public vote or selection by a neighboring guild. Fewer people selected our guild to decide the awards and cited fairness as the main issue. It is hard to be impartial when you know the members involved.



Other suggestions mentioned were:

- do away with all category awards and have a "Viewers' Choice" ribbon awarded each day of the show to be based on public voting
- wait until after show's end to count ballots and announce winners and award ribbons at the August guild meeting
- award no ribbons and have the show just be a show not a competition
- several suggested a program and other ways of educating members to help overcome the 'fear' of a judge.
- three felt very strongly that monetary awards should be eliminated.