

## Announcing the Carthage Quilt Challenge for 2012 *“Safe from the Storm”*

### Calling all Quilters!

*Start now to have your completed entry for the Challenge in time for the show.*

The *Piney Woods Quilt Festival* in Carthage, Texas will be moving to an exciting new venue. The newly completed Carthage Community Shelter and Civic Center will be our new home for the Festival beginning with the Ninth Annual event on April 20-21, 2012.

In celebration of this move the Festival will include a new category. Quilters are invited to submit an entry in our Challenge for 2012: **“Safe from the Storm”**. This theme is chosen to recognize the function of the new facility and the generosity and hospitality of the communities that offer comfort to refugees from violent weather and other disasters.

### Contest Rules:

- Quilts must be no smaller than 36” x 36” and must include the traditional “Storm at Sea” block in any size or combination of sizes. Other blocks and/or block elements and other techniques may be included.
- The winner will be chosen for the most effective use of the “Storm at Sea” block to suggest refuge from the storm. All entries must be complete layered, quilted and bound.
- The traditional “Storm at Sea” block pattern may be found in many books and magazines and is available free at quilting websites including the following link at the McCall’s Quilting website [http://www.mccallsquilting.com/qb/pattern\\_206/index.html](http://www.mccallsquilting.com/qb/pattern_206/index.html).
- The winning entry will receive a special ribbon and \$100 prize money.
- Entry Deadline, April 6, 2012.
- All entries will be subject to the regular Piney Woods Quilt Festival rules.

To enter this contest, submit a regular entry form for the Festival by the stated due date, but mark your entry across the top with the words

***“Safe from the Storm” Challenge.***

Entry forms may be obtained from the website at [www.carthagetexas/MainStreet/quilt.htm](http://www.carthagetexas/MainStreet/quilt.htm) or from Susie Evers at [nsevers@hughes.net](mailto:nsevers@hughes.net).