

International Quilt Association

Piecing The World Together Since 1979

A World of Beauty

The International Quilt Association is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation of the art of quilting as an art form, and the advancement of the state of the art throughout the world. The four founders—Jewel Patterson (1910–2002), Karey Patterson Bresenhan, Helen O'Bryant (1914–2005), and Nancy O'Bryant Puentes—established this organization in 1979 to provide dedicated quilt lovers the opportunity to work productively toward increasing the prestige, artistry, creativity, professionalism, and recognition of quilts.

IQA supports many projects and activities, including a grant program and two annual Judged Shows of members' work. "Quilts: A World of Beauty" is held in conjunction with International Quilt

Festival in Houston every fall. The 2008 show will award \$101,250 in cash prizes generously donated by our corporate sponsors. The Best of Show, Founders, and Master Award winners also receive a trip to the fall Festival. "Celebrate Spring!" is held in conjunction with International Quilt Festival/Chicago every spring. This show is sponsored by International Quilt Festival and will award \$3,850 in cash prizes. The Best of Show winner also receives a trip to the spring Festival.

IQA is the only non-profit quilt association with members from all over the globe. Membership is open to anyone who loves quilts. Its annual meeting, the Lone Star Quilt Conference, is held each fall in conjunction with International Quilt Festival. IQA is based in Houston, Texas, USA.

Purposes & Goals

To work productively toward increasing the prestige, artistry, creativity, professionalism, and recognition of quilts.

To foster the appreciation of quilts and quilting as an art form throughout the world and to provide necessary recognition to quilters as textile artists and to quilts as representing the mastery of textile art.

To unite quilters, quilt collectors, quilting teachers, retailers, and

suppliers from around the world in the common goal of advancing the art and love of quilting.

To set and maintain the highest standards for the art of quilting, thereby encouraging further achievement within the field.

To offer, through a grant program, continuing education and support for the developing needs of quilters.

Membership Benefits

Members may enter up to two items in the prestigious annual judged shows, "Quilts: A World of Beauty," and "Celebrate Spring!". Cash awards totaling \$101,250 will be given to winners in the fall Judged Show in 2008.

Members may apply for quilt-related research and artistic development funding under the IQA Grant Program.

Members receive *Quilts... A World of Beauty*, a quarterly journal featuring quilts from the judged show and news and features about members and activities around the world. The summer issue of each year includes the Teachers Directory.

Members receive advance information about both Spring and Fall International Quilt Festival.

Members may qualify for a special angel pin and priority registration for Festival's classes, lectures, and special events, by completing required hours of IQA volunteer service.

Members get free admission to preview night and one day's free admission at both International Quilt Festivals and Expo. Other special IQA benefits include a private preview, photo op, and special seating at the Bernina Fashion Show.

Grant Program Proposals

IQA's Grant Program is a unique opportunity to gain funding for your project that furthers the Association's mission. IQA established the program to foster and encourage quilt-related projects that have "lasting significant effects on the traditions, history, and respect for, knowledge about, and artistry in, quilts and quilting." Project

categories include original research, assistance to museums or other public quilt collections, community projects to spread information about quilts and quilting, and committed periods of individual artistic development as a quilter. Submit your request for consideration to the IQA office at the address below.

Membership Information

Annual dues are \$25 for one year and \$75 for three years. Members in Canada and Mexico must add \$10 per year to cover mailing fees; other international members must add \$13 per year for mailing fees. Dues are tax deductible.

Three additional options are available, which involve a larger tax-deductible donation to IQA. The Donor level signifies a donation of \$100 - \$249, the Benefactor level signifies a donation of \$250 - 499, and the Patron level signifies a donation of \$500 or more. These three types of contributors receive a 1-year membership and recognition in the *IQA Journal*. Contributions received will help further IQA's goals of encouraging achievement and education through programs, which include, but are not limited to, grants and judged shows of members' work.

To join IQA, fill out the information on the back of this page and return it with payment to:

International Quilt Association
7660 Woodway Drive, Suite 550
Houston, TX 77063, USA

If you have any questions, please contact the IQA office at:

713-781-6882
fax 713-781-8182
e-mail: iqa@quilts.com
website: www.quilts.org



IQA

is dedicated to the preservation of the art of quilting, the attainment of public recognition for quilting as an art form, and the advancement of the state of the art throughout the world.

Yes! I want to join IQA as a *new* member

I am *renewing* my membership # _____

If your address has changed, please check this box:

For how many years would you like to join? 1 3

I am joining for 1 year as a Donor Benefactor Patron

<i>Prices include mailing fees:</i>	1 year	3 years
U.S.A.	\$25	\$75
Canada or Mexico	\$35	\$105
Other International	\$38	\$114
Donor	\$100-\$249	
Benefactor	\$250-\$499	
Patron	\$500 and above	

P L E A S E P R I N T A N D D O N O T A B B R E V I A T E

Last Name

First Name

Mailing Address

City

State

Zip/Postal or Country Code

Country

Telephone Number
U.S. residents include area code. Outside the U.S. include country and city codes.

Fax Number
U.S. residents include area code. Outside the U.S. include country and city codes.

E-mail address

How are you paying?

- 1** Credit Card: Visa MasterCard American Express Discover
- Please charge my credit card \$ _____ for my membership dues
- Card Number _____ Expiration Date _____
- Print name on card _____
- Signature _____
- 2** Check in U.S. dollars drawn on a U.S. bank \$ _____ Check No. _____
- 3** Cash: _____

Regarding membership cards for any show:

To receive your card before a show, forms must be RECEIVED 4 weeks prior to the start date of the show. After that date, forms will not be processed again until after the show. (you can check the date at Quilt Festival's website at www.quilts.com.) You may also join/renew at the show. For lost membership cards, check in at the door or at the IQA booth, where a current roster will be available.