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), Carey 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 an annual Judged Show of members’ work. “Quilts: A World of Beauty” is held in conjunction with International Quilt Festival in Houston every fall. The 2011 show will award $98,250 in non-purchase 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.

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 receive advance information about the spring, summer, and fall editions of 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 receive special privileges at all three editions of International Quilt Festival (Houston, Cincinnati, and Long Beach) unavailable to non-members. This includes a Preview Night entrance (and extra hours in Houston), one additional day’s free admission, and a private photo opportunity (in Houston).

**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 quiltmaking.” 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 quiltmaker. 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. 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.

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

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

You can also join or renew your membership online at www.quilts.com

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Regarding membership cards for any show:
To receive your card before a show, forms must be RECEIVED 5 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.