

# festival perks

exclusive quilt festival houston perks for iqa members & annual meeting!

This year's fall International Quilt Festival will take place November 8-11 (with Preview Night on November 7 and classes beginning November 5), at Houston's George R. Brown Convention Center.

IQA members who attend will have special opportunities that no one else will! Here's a rundown of what your membership entitles you to that no one else receives. The IQA Booth will be at the front of Hall D on the show floor.

## IMPORTANT NOTE!

### The Lone Star Quilt

**Conference**, IQA's annual membership meeting, will take place on Thursday, November 8 from 5:30-6:15 pm in room 320AB of the George R. Brown Convention Center. Come hear your Board discuss IQA news and plans and meet the new officers.

Also, those who attend will be the first through the doors for Quiltapalooza, which immediately follows!

### One Day's Free Admission

IQA members get one day's free admission to International Quilt Festival. Just present your member-

ship card at the door. If you have forgotten or lost yours, a roster will be available at the Volunteer/Staff Assistant check-in booth outside the Hall D doors.

### VIP Preview

Only IQA members and Festival enrollees admitted, 5-7 pm, on Wednesday, November 7. Show your membership card at the door.

### Preview Night: International Quilt Festival

Immediately following the VIP Preview, International Quilt Festival opens to the general public for a special Preview Night showing, 7-10 pm. IQA members can also attend this for free with your membership card. And Preview Night does *not* count toward your free day's admission!

### IQA Winners Circle Celebration

Quilts, quiltmakers, and \$97,750 in prizes make IQA's Winners Circle Celebration *the* place to be from 6-8 pm, Tuesday, November 6, at the third floor ballroom in the Brown Convention Center. The excitement is in the air as all winners for the judged show are announced live.

You can also meet the corporate sponsors, enjoy photos of the quilts on screen, and then see the winning quilts themselves and visit with many of the lucky winners. IQA members can attend free.

**Important Note:** If you have not pre-enrolled, show your membership card at the door. If you have a friend who is a non-member, they can purchase their ticket at the special IQA table set up in front of the ballroom *before* standing in the line to get into the auditorium.

IQA members who are winners in the Judged Show will have reserved seating, which will be roped off with signs near the front of the stage.

### Private Photo Op

IQA members *only* have a special one-and-a-half hour opportunity, beginning at 8:30 am, Friday, November 9, to photograph *Quilts: A World of Beauty* and Festival's other special exhibits (except those which prohibit photography) before Festival crowds arrive. Booths will *not* be open for shopping. IQA membership card required. Entry between 8:30-9:30 am only through Hall D.

## OTHER IQA EVENTS

### Quiltapalooza!

Come help celebrate on Thursday, November 8, from 6:30-8:30 pm, with this fun event that just keeps getting better every year! Fun, food, and prizes galore. This year's theme will be the "Tribute to Texas," so wear your best echoing the Lone Star State—from Texas Toast to a Yellow Rose to cowgirls to Willie Nelson! There will be games and plenty of door prizes to go home with people!

A boxed meal and beverage are included in the price (\$33) and there will be a cash bar. Check for ticket availability at the Enrollment Desk on the second floor of the convention center.

### Mini-Quilt Silent Auction

IQA sponsors this auction of donated miniature quilts, spotlighting the work of members, previous winners, and guest artists. Proceeds benefit IQA's programs. Stop by the IQA booth and bid on these collector's items.

### Raffle Quilt

*Come Together* by Jodi Robinson will be raffled off at 2 pm, on Sunday, November 11. You need not be present to win. Tickets are \$1 each and can be purchased at the IQA booth.

And if one of your friends is *not* an IQA member, she/he can still participate in all of the above events with you by signing up for a membership at the IQA table and receiving a temporary membership card. That table will be in the lobby of concourse D from 4-6:45 pm, on Wednesday, November 7, and at the IQA booth for the remainder of the show.



*Some shots from last year's post-ceremony Winners Circle Celebration!*