

INTERNATIONAL QUILT FESTIVAL DEBUTS IN SALT LAKE CITY THIS JULY 21-23!

HOUSTON—May 6, 2022—For more than 45 years, The International Quilt Festival in Houston has been the premier quilt show in the country, with quilts on display in special exhibits, vendor booths, and a full slate of classes and lectures on a wide variety of subjects and techniques. Other editions of Festival have toured around the country.



Windblown by Maria Elkins in the "Art Quilts" exhibit.

Now, Quilt Festival will make its debut at the **Salt Palace**

Convention Center in Salt Lake City, Utah this July 21-23. It will feature more than 125 shopping booths, over 500 quilts on display, and nearly 50 classes with 17 talented teachers.

"We had this great opportunity to have a Festival in Salt Lake City, where we've previously held our trade show, International Quilt Market, several times. And we love the city and the venue, so we took it," says Karey Bresenhan, President/CEO of show producer Quilts, Inc. and a member of the Quilters Hall of Fame.

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Sunflower, artist unknown. The Salt Lake City Festival Signature/Photo Op quilt.

"I hope that not only will the dedicated quilters be there, but also those who are new or unaware of this exciting art form. The quilts we will have on display show an amazing scope of creativity and skill."

In addition to the vendor booths, quilts, and classes, Festival will also feature the free educational area called **Open Studios™**. There, attendees can watch four artists demonstrating their craft simultaneously, with new teachers and topics rotating throughout the day.

"Even if you're not a quilter yourself, there's a lot to see at Festival. And many of our exhibits of quilts are

making their debut in Salt Lake City," Bresenhan continues.

Exhibits include the premier of the judged show *A Celebration of Color* (sponsored by eQuilter.com). There's also *Art Quilts* (sponsored by Global Artisans) and *Pieces of the Past,* featuring contemporary and antique quilts from Festival's extensive collection. And others like cutting-edge offerings from the Studio Art Quilt Associates, *Connections* and *Microscape*; *Twelve Bolts of Fabric and a Bushel of Apples: The Quilt Legacy of Laurene Sinema*; *Joy of Handwork*; and *Christmas in July.* Two exhibits of local interest will be *The Salt Lake City Modern Quilt Guild Showcase* (sponsored by Janome), and *Utah Quilt Guild Showcase/Utah United*. All feature works by residents of the Beehive State or with Utah-related themes.

To learn more about International Quilt Festival Salt Lake City, visit Quilts.com and click on the Salt Lake City Button. You can also see the class catalog and enroll there. *Hours: July 21-23 (10 am-5 pm)*. *Daily Tickets: \$15 adult/\$13 students-seniors-military/Children 10 and under free. Full show pass: \$35. Class enrollees do not need to purchase additional tickets.*

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