



INTERNATIONAL QUILT FESTIVAL

HOUSTON • OCT 9 THRU OCT 12

Classes & Events Begin Oct. 6 • Preview Night Oct. 8

GUIDELINES FOR OPEN STUDIOS™ PROPOSALS INTERNATIONAL QUILT FESTIVAL 2025/HOUSTON

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PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!

Please read this sheet **before** beginning the proposal submission process. Answers for many questions about teaching/demonstrating at International Quilt Festival are included.

2025 DATES TO REMEMBER:

International Quilt Festival/Houston:

October 9-12, 2025

Proposal Due Date:

August 25, 2025

Acceptance Notification Date:

September 8, 2025

WHAT IS OPEN STUDIOS™?

Open Studios is a circular, colorful structure on the show floor, comprised of four studios, labeled "Quilt," "Stitch/Sew," "Create," and "Embellish/Paint." During show hours, four artists will be working separately and simultaneously (two hours at a time), in each of the studios, demonstrating their craft to attendees. This is a wonderful opportunity for artists to interact with attendees and to promote themselves, their product, or a particular technique! Presenters pay their own expenses with the exception of complimentary entrance to the show floor.

Each studio contains basic supplies which includes electricity, a table and chair, walls to pin samples to, pins, cutting mat, ruler, and rotary cutter, an iron and iron pad, and a trash can. We have paint brushes, stencils, and buckets for water.

The "Quilt" and "Stitch/Sew" studios are supplied with a BERNINA sewing machine. BERNINA is happy to provide any special feet that you may need. Don't forget to request those on your proposal.

LOCATIONS & TIMES:

Open Studios™ will be on the show floor of the George R. Brown Convention Center in Houston, Texas. Open Studios runs from Thursday, October 9-Saturday, October 11, 10 AM-6 PM and Sunday, October 12, 10 AM-2 PM in 2-hour increments.

Gammill is our sponsor and will demo in the “Create” studio.

You may use a projector only if you are **TOTALLY** self-sufficient in the setup/operation of **your** laptop/iPad/Smart phone/projector and all communications between the two. AV assistance is not available for Open Studios. Don't forget to request foamcore to be used as a screen if needed.

BEFORE YOU PROPOSE:

Please gather necessary information before beginning so that you submit complete proposals.

Begin with your Contact Information.

Specify availability.

Open Studios™ Form allows you to offer four session titles per submission. These can be repeated if your schedule allows.

Review your proposal carefully before you submit it! You cannot access the proposal for changes after it has been submitted. You may use the save and resume button at the bottom of the form at any time if you find that you are not ready to submit. Once you have submitted your proposal, you will receive an immediate confirmation email containing all the information you have entered. If you do not receive a confirmation email, your submission was not complete.

If you have any questions, please contact Jill Benge at jillb@quilts.com. If you have technical questions about the on-line system or need to make changes to your proposal after submission, contact Barbara Cline at barbarac@quilts.com.

OPEN STUDIOS PROPOSAL LINK:

https://quilts.formstack.com/forms/houston_open_studios_proposal

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