

**“ESCAPE” TO THE EXTRAORDINARY  
PACIFIC INTERNATIONAL QUILT FESTIVAL XIX  
SANTA CLARA CONVENTION CENTER, OCTOBER 14 – 17, 2010**

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The [Pacific International Quilt Festival](#) returns to Santa Clara, CA **October 14-17, 2010** with a spectacular collection of over 800 quilts and works of wearable and textile art. This highly anticipated quilt show, the largest on the west coast, is held at the **Santa Clara Convention Center** in the greater San Francisco Bay area.

As the Pacific International Quilt Festival celebrates 19 years, this year’s quilt competition theme, “[Escape](#),” asks textile artists how their art allows them to escape the ordinary and enter the realm of the extraordinary. Visitors to the show will view a magnificent exhibition of the finest quilts created by talented artists from across the globe, competing for awards and prizes totaling more than \$17,000. The fashionable entries in the [Wearable Art Competition](#) will also be on display. The best entries from among these works will be awarded over \$4,600 in awards and prizes. In addition to the competition entries there will be Special Exhibitions of quilts and textile art from around the world. Among them are the international entries and selected U.S. winning entries in the World Quilt Competition XIV.

Not only does this incredible event feature astounding works of art, it also offers a wide array of workshops and lectures presented by a stellar line-up of national and international instructors teaching all levels of quilt, wearable and textile arts. The [Festival’s 2010 faculty](#) includes Sue Dennis (Australia), Gloria Loughman (Australia), Sharon Pederson (Canada), Christine Porter (U.K.) and, from the United States Karen Boutte, Tammie Bowser, John Flynn, Kathy McNeil, Sue Nickels, Linda Schmidt, Lois Smith, Carol Taylor, Debi Kuennen-Baker, Phyllis Anderson, Bobbie Bergquist, Jean Brown, Sandra Chandler, Kaye Moore, Virginia Walton, Pat Yamin and Deborah Roberts (appraisals).

In addition, PIQF hosts a 200-booth Merchants Mall with the best in fabrics (no quilter can have too much fabric!), notions, machines, wearable art and *everything* for the quilter, textile artist and home sewer.

Also offered at PIQF is a special tour, which visits the San Jose Museum of Quilts & Textiles and Berkeley’s 4<sup>th</sup> Street Market for shopping and lunch, followed by a very special tour of the twin quilting studios of two renowned Berkeley quilt artists. A perennial favorite among show-goers is the PIQF Fashion Show that will be presented Friday evening, October 15. This fun event is organized and moderated by Karen Boutte, Quilt Diva. A recent addition to PIQF’s events is Quilt-O – as last year’s participants said, “This is the most fun you will ever have at a quilt show.” Sign up early for this event which is sure to be an early sell-out!

There’s so much to see and do at PIQF, it will take a long weekend in sunny Santa Clara to experience it all! Many who travel in quilting circles will tell you this is an event not to be missed! Experience the magical combination of beautiful fabric and amazing quilting talent ... all under one roof at the Pacific International Quilt Festival!

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<b>When You Go...</b>	
<b>What</b>	<a href="#">Pacific International Quilt Festival XIX</a>
<b>Where</b>	Santa Clara Convention Center Great America Parkway, Santa Clara, CA (Greater San Francisco Bay Area)
<b>When</b>	<b>October 14 – 17, 2010</b> Thursday – Saturday: 10 am – 6 pm Sunday: 10 am – 5 pm
<b>How Much</b>	Admission \$14, includes re-admission. Sunday admission \$12. Accompanied children under 16 free.