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AQC announces the exhibitions and tutors for 2010

The Australasian Quilt Convention & Expo (AQC) is an international standard, world-class event. Only once a year, the 2010 convention is held on **April 29 – May 2** in Victoria, Australia. Event organisers, Expertise Events are proud to announce that they have assembled some of the best Australian and international tutors, renowned quilting and textile artists to provide a fantastic environment to learn, have fun and be inspired.

With a collection of some amazing quilting exhibitions, AQC will provide visitors with a unique opportunity to see some of the world's best quilts within the beautiful surrounds of the heritage listed, **Royal Exhibition Building in Carlton**. Gain inspiration from the talented quilters who have submitted their work in one of the many challenges on show at AQC and marvel at the intricate work produced by highly skilled quilters from around the globe as their efforts are celebrated in exhibitions throughout the show.

Once again, AQC has joined with the *Australian Patchwork & Quilting* magazine for the 2010 Challenge. With significant prize money on offer for the winners, the exhibition will feature a selection of juried entries based on the theme *Remember*. The winning categories will be announced at the opening Cocktail Party, the evening before the official opening.

Brace yourself to be blown away by the best quilts from every annual state guild in Australia and the NANZQ event in New Zealand. Catch a glimpse of what art quilters in Queensland are doing in the *State of the Art Quilt 10* exhibition.

Prepare yourself to be inspired by other exhibitions including *Textile Tantrums, Rajah Winner 2009* and the *Teach Me* display which showcases the work of AQC's talented tutors. Quilt historian Annette Gero has a rare treat for viewers with some never seen before, ancient military quilts.

Be part of a world premier as the 'Twelve by Twelve' team kicks off their world tour. Made up of a group of well known textile and quilt artists, this exhibition is much anticipated due to their online collaboration (most of them have not met each other in person). Over a period of two years, they have each produced

a themed series of twelve inch square quilts that combine into twelve quilted mosaics from 144 individual quilts.

Explore the innovative exhibition of textile art compiled and mentored by British quilter Annette Morgan exclusively for AQC. *Out of the Fold* showcases the work of UK art quilters who utilise a variety of techniques and mixed media to create contemporary style quilts. The creative work of Annette will also be featured throughout the exhibition.

Join us to celebrate the tenth birthday of *Quilters Companion* magazine where a selection of those quilts photographed for the front cover during the last ten years will be exhibited. You can also see the special exhibit supplied by Australian quilt publication *Down Under Quilts* as they showcase the works of their quilting friends from around the globe.

Internationally recognised as a museum quality quilter, Australian Kim McLean will have her award winning work on exhibition at AQC. Kim has won numerous awards around the world including Best of Show twice in Sydney, and has had her work featured on the cover of prestigious USA magazine *Quilters Newsletter* three times.

Witness the project by Christina Henri as she exhibits her display of handcrafted bonnets that pay tribute to convict women transported to Australia. Entitled *Roses from the Heart* this heartfelt project encourages visitors to take part by making a bonnet using the downloadable pattern on Christina's website (www.christinahenri.com.au). Help Christina achieve her ultimate goal to create a bonnet for every one of the 25,266 female convicts sent to Australia.

If you are passionate about quilting and are keen to gain inspiration and sharpen your skills the Australasian Quilt Convention & Expo is the must attend quilting event of the year. The website is **LIVE** and full of great information on the features and special guest tutors at the Australasian Quilt Convention & Expo so head to www.aqc.com.au to find out more.

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