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### **THE GREATER TACOMA CONVENTION & TRADE CENTER WILL BE THE NEW HOME OF THE PACIFIC WEST QUILT SHOW**

*The Association of Pacific West Quilters contracts 3 show dates at the GTCTC*

Tacoma, WA, USA – January 15, 2010 – The Association of Pacific West Quilters announces that the Greater Tacoma Convention & Trade Center in Tacoma Washington will house the Pacific West Quilt Show beginning August 2011. The show will be moving from a biennial to an annual cycle and will take place on the following dates: August 26-28, 2011, August 24-26, 2012 and August 23-25, 2013.

The Association of Pacific West Quilters, APWQ (formerly the Association of Pacific Northwest Quilters, APNQ) also announces that it is expanding its region to include provinces and states west of the Rocky mountains to include: Alaska, Alberta, British Columbia, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, the Northwest Territories, Oregon, Saskatchewan, Utah, Washington, Wyoming and Yukon.

“We are very excited about these changes,” says Elizabeth Spannring, the 2011 show’s director. “Essentially doubling our territory will ensure that, even with the increased frequency of the shows, the quality of this juried and judged exhibition will remain extremely high. We are looking forward to receiving contest entries from quilters from all the states, provinces and territories in our region.”

Quilters who are legal residents of these states and provinces will be eligible to enter their work for jurying into the 2011 Pacific West Quilt Show.

The association was founded in 1992 and held its first biennial show and contest in Seattle in 1994. The 2011-2013 events are expected to draw 2,500 attendees daily with an estimated economic impact of over \$3,600,000 to downtown Tacoma and the surrounding area.

#### **About The Greater Tacoma Convention & Trade Center**

The Greater Tacoma Convention & Trade Center (GTCTC) is located at 1500 Broadway in the heart of revitalized, downtown Tacoma, Washington. 20 miles south of SeaTac International Airport, the facility offers an upscale, affordable and attractive space for events of all types from 10-4,000 attendees in an ideal Pacific Northwest setting. For more information call 1-888-227-3705 or online at [gtctc.org](http://gtctc.org)

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