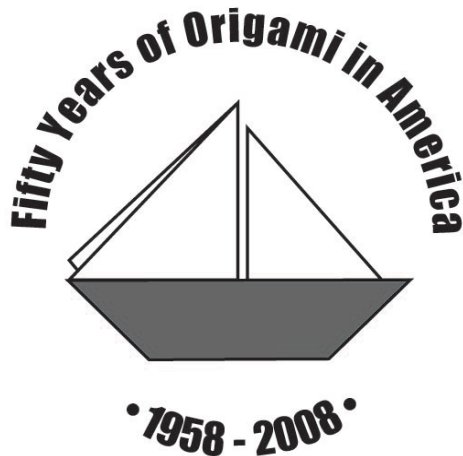


# What's New at Origami Convention 2008

## 50 Years of Origami in America

In 1958 Lillian Oppenheimer established The Origami Center of America, and this year we celebrate 50 years of origami in America. We'll have special gifts, classes and presentations to recognize this significant date, and to show the incredible changes that have occurred in the world of origami. Teachers: please consider presenting one of the iconic models from our history!



## Housing Status – Back to Status Quo

This year FIT Housing is back to normal. That means that we can again offer dorms and suites, in the buildings across the street from the convention. The prices have gone up, as they do every year, and we will still have to provide all linens, including blankets and pillows. See the General Information sheets and housing form for more details.

## New Exhibition Rules / Opportunities

Item One: Visitors to the Exhibition Area love to talk to the artists whose work is presented. Item Two: We always seem to have problems with adequate exhibition monitoring support staff. We've come up with a solution to both issues by establishing a new rule: if you'd like to show your work at Origami Convention '08, you will need to commit to (at least) one hour of volunteer time at Exhibition. So please complete your Exhibition Form, and also complete the

Volunteer Form. Mary Williams, our Volunteer Coordinator, will contact you to negotiate the best times.

## New Website

We've upgraded our website, and completely changed our convention forms. So please read the instructions carefully, since everything is very different! The website is at [www.origami-usa.org](http://www.origami-usa.org).

## Special Guests

This year our special guests will be Nick Robinson from England, and Nicolas Terry from France. Both Nick and Nicolas are wonderful creators and superb teachers, but their works and backgrounds couldn't be more different.

Nick Robinson has been folding paper since



the early 1980's, and has been an extremely active member of the British Origami Society for over 25 years, including serving on their council. He spent several years as a professional origami teacher, traveling to schools, libraries, youth clubs, hospitals and art

galleries. He's known for his simple, elegant, and witty models. Over 200 of his original origami creations have been published in 13 countries, and he has published over 20 origami books. His website is [www.origami.me.uk](http://www.origami.me.uk).

Nicolas Terry has only been folding for six years, having discovered origami on the Internet, and he's risen to a very high and respected level in a very short time. His background is in engineering and chemistry, but he's been working as a psychotherapist, using origami in his work with children, and as an origami professional. He's published his own books, and those of others, and has established an amazing website with information and diagrams of many artists. Take a look at his website, [www.passionorigami.com](http://www.passionorigami.com), which displays 1500 different models from 60 authors.

