



CGOA 2014 Design Competition Official Information

Deadline for entries July 1, 2014

Message from the Chairman

Thanks so much for your interest in our event. This year's competition will be so special, as we are joining in the celebration of the CGOA 20th Anniversary. I can't wait to see your brilliant designs!

Doris Chan, Chairman, CGOA 2014 Design Competition Committee

ELIGIBILITY

Competition is open to all Crochet Guild of America members in good standing, including those overseas, at all membership levels, excluding the judges. International entries are welcome.

Entries must be primarily crocheted; other fiber, needle and crafting arts may be incorporated in your design, but the overall impression must be crochet. Any materials may be used.

Entries must be original designs that have not been previously entered in this competition, previously published in any print or electronic media, or otherwise publicly available before the date of competition. There should be no possibility that any of the judges can see or recognize your design.

Entries do not have to be newly or recently crocheted, as long as they are completely your own designs. Working from someone else's published pattern and changing a few things does not make it original!

DESIGN CATEGORIES

There will be five judging categories:

1. Fashion: garments (as opposed to accessories), including sweaters, tops, jackets, vests, skirts, dresses
2. Accessories: including wraps, scarves, cowls, socks, mittens, hats, bags, belts and jewelry
3. Home Décor and Afghans: items primarily for the home, including afghans and throws, baby blankets
4. Thread Crochet: anything made in crochet thread or fine/laceweight yarn (CYCA category #0/Lace); this category may overlap other categories, and includes doilies, garments, baby clothes, accessories
5. Artistic Expression: items more artistic in nature, including free-form and mixed media pieces, wall hangings, wearable art.

Decide which category best describes your entry. If you are unsure of the category, allow the committee to place your design where it is most competitive. Entries may be shifted to a more appropriate category at the discretion of the committee and/or the judges if necessary or advantageous.

If your design is an ensemble or a grouping, please limit the number of separate pieces to no more than three per single entry.

You may submit as many entries in any category or categories you wish, but each entry will require a separate entry form and the full entry fee.

FEE

The entry fee is \$15 (fifteen US dollars) for each and every separate design. Payment of fees will be part of the official entry process through the CGOA website and NOT a check mailed in the same package as your crocheted entry.

Entry fees cover return shipping, but you are responsible for the cost of shipping your design to the receiving location to arrive by the deadline, July 1, 2014.



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JUDGING

Entries will be evaluated by a panel of three impartial judges across a range of qualities including: design appeal, use of stitches, color, selection of materials, workmanship, finishing and functionality as indicated. Judges will not know the names of designers until after the judging is over.

Judging will take place on site at the CGOA Conference in Manchester, New Hampshire, July 23, 2014.

AWARDS

Winners will be announced during the Awards Ceremony, on the evening of July 24. You do not have to be present to enter or to win.

Cash prizes will be awarded: one \$1000 Grand Prize, and for each of the five judging categories one \$300 First Prize, one \$200 Second Prize and one \$100 Third Prize. There will also be special awards including but not limited to: \$100 Peoples' Choice (to be chosen by attendee voting on site), and the CGOA Anniversary Award (given to the entry that best celebrates and exemplifies the spirit of CGOA in the year of our 20th anniversary).

ENTRY FORM TO BE ANNOUNCED

The entry form will be electronic on line. Please watch for further information and the link to the entry form and available payment methods in mid-June: CGOA website (<http://www.crochet.org>).

Once the entry form goes live, do not complete and submit the form until your crocheted design is finished and ready to send, in case you incorporate last-minute changes; your design must exactly match the description given in your entry form.

If you are entering more than one design, you will need to fill out and submit a separate entry form for each design.

PREPARING YOUR DESIGN

Please make sure your entry is clean, fragrance/odor-free and presented to the best of your ability. I strongly suggest proper blocking and finishing. Appearances matter.

Written patterns are not required. However, if you want to include information about your inspiration, techniques and materials (anything you'd like the judges to know), there will be a place for comments in the electronic entry form.

Do not sew or otherwise permanently attach any kind of identification to your entry. Instead, please use a removable hang-tag or other small form of ID, securely tied or pinned to each piece, with your name and the title of your design clearly printed on each tag.

SENDING YOUR DESIGN

You may ship multiple entries in the same package. Package size is limited by the dimensions allowed by USPS, but please do not send entries weighing more than 20 pounds!

You are responsible for shipping your package to the receiving location to arrive no sooner than June 16, 2014 and no later than the deadline July 1, 2014, so plan accordingly.

Be assured that your entry will be treated with the utmost care and respect.



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GETTING YOUR STUFF BACK

All entries will be on display for the duration of the conference, July 24-27. If you plan to attend the conference and wish to take your entry home, there will be a sign-out procedure on-site. Otherwise, entries will be return shipped to the address you list on your entry form, as soon after the conference as feasible. Shipping will be via USPS Priority Mail wherever possible; tracking information will be provided if you include an e-mail address in your entry form.

DESIGNER AGREEMENT

By entering this competition you agree:

- You are a current member of CGOA in good standing
- Your entry is your own original work, not previously entered in this competition, not previously published in any print or electronic media and not otherwise publicly available before the judging date
- Your name and likeness and images of your entry may be used during and following the competition for purposes of information and promotion
- Winning garments may be modeled for photography and shown during the Awards Ceremony and in the CGOA Fashion Show as needed
- You do not hold this committee, CGOA, Offinger Management, our sponsors or the event venue responsible for any incidental or accidental wear or damage to your entry.

QUESTIONS OR PROBLEMS

Please keep me informed of any changes, problems, issues you have throughout the competition entry process. Contact me with your questions:

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