



## **VIEWERS' CHOICE AWARD POLICY**

**The Viewers' Choice Award was developed by the Embroiderers' Association of Canada Inc. to acknowledge the stitcher of the favourite piece of embroidery as voted on by those attending the exhibit.**

1. The Viewers' Choice Award shall be presented each year at the Seminar of the Embroiderers' Association of Canada.
2. The Viewers' Choice Award is chosen by popular vote from specific entries in the EAC Members' Exhibition.
3. Any member in good standing of the Embroiderers' Association of Canada, Inc. may enter the Members' Exhibition at the annual Seminar.
4. All pieces of needlework entered in the Viewers' Choice category must be worked with a threaded needle, shall have been completed in the previous three years and not have been entered in any previous National EAC exhibition. The member entering the embroidery must have stitched the piece being entered.
5. The Viewers' Choice Award is chosen by EAC members and members of the public in attendance at the EAC Members' Exhibition at the annual Seminar.
6. The award will be a quality embroidery tool chosen by the EAC Board, not to exceed \$100.00 in value.
7. Entries in the "Seminar Theme Award", Youth Embroiderers, the EAC "Original Design Award", "Pulled Thread Award" and the "For Exhibition Only" categories are not eligible for the Viewers' Choice Award.
8. Works of teachers teaching at Seminar are not eligible for the Viewers' Choice Award.
9. The winner will be ineligible to enter Viewers' Choice Award for the following three years.
10. EAC will provide one award for presentation to the first place winner. The winner will also receive a non-personalized certificate at the banquet. If the recipient is not present at the banquet, EAC will ensure delivery of the award and certificate to her/him. In the event of a tie vote for the first place the Seminar Chair, in consultation with the EAC Seminar Liaison, will choose one winner for the award.
11. Second and third place entries will be recognized. EAC will provide a non-personalized certificate for the second and third place recipients to be presented at the banquet. In the case that the recipient(s) are not present, EAC will ensure delivery of the certificate directly to the recipient.

## VIEWERS' CHOICE AWARD PROCEDURES

1. Viewers' Choice Award entries may be delivered to the EAC Members' Exhibition Committee in person, or sent by mail or courier. Pre-registration of the piece is required. Deadline dates for pre-registration and shipping are advertised in the Seminar brochure. Late registrations will not be accepted. It is not a requirement to attend Seminar to be an exhibitor.
2. Shipped entries shall arrive in a reusable container. Return postage, a self-addressed return label and insurance shall be included if the entrant chooses not to pick up her/his piece at seminar. The entrant will be notified by e-mail when the package arrives and when it is returned at the close of Seminar. Notification may be by mail if two self-addressed, stamped postcards (Canadian postage only) are provided.
3. The piece must be appropriately equipped for hanging or display upon receipt or it will not be accepted in the Exhibition. Any form or stand required for display must be included.
4. A photo of the work, its title and the exhibitor's name shall be included on the reverse of the work to assist in the identification and display of the piece.
5. The Seminar Committee will provide ballots for voting at the Members' Exhibition. Identifying marks on the entry will be covered until voting is complete.
6. The Seminar Committee will ensure that photographs are taken of the three winning works for publication in *Embroidery Canada*.
7. The three winning entries will be displayed (under cover) at the annual closing banquet until such time as the award is announced.