



Embroiderers' Association of Canada, Inc.
Association canadienne de broderie, Inc.

Viewers' Choice Award Policy

The Viewers' Choice Award was developed by the Embroiderers' Association of Canada Inc./Association canadienne de broderie, Inc. (EAC/ACB) to acknowledge the stitcher of the favourite piece of embroidery as voted on by those attending the Members' exhibition at Seminar.

1. The Viewers' Choice Award shall be presented each year at the seminar of EAC/ACB.
2. The Viewers' Choice Award is chosen by popular vote of EAC/ACB members and members of the public in attendance from category entries in the EAC/ACB Members' Exhibition.
3. Any member in good standing of the EAC/ACB may enter the Members' Exhibition at the annual seminar. Entrants are not required to attend the 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/ACB exhibition. The member entering the embroidery must have stitched the piece being entered.
5. Entries in other categories are not eligible for the Viewers' Choice Award.
6. The works of teachers teaching at the seminar are not eligible for the Viewers' Choice Award.
7. The winner will be ineligible to enter the Viewers' Choice Award for the following three years.
8. EAC/ACB will provide an award for presentation to the first-place winner. The award will be a quality embroidery tool chosen by the EAC/ACB Board, not to exceed \$100 in value. The winner will also receive a certificate at the banquet. If the recipient is not at the banquet, EAC/ACB will ensure delivery of the award and certificate to them. In the event of a tie vote for first place, the Seminar Chair, in consultation with the EAC/ACB Seminar Liaison, will choose one winner for the award.
9. Second- and third-place entries will be recognized. EAC/ACB will provide a personalized certificate for the second-place and third-place recipients to be presented at the banquet. If the recipient(s) are not at the banquet, EAC/ACB will ensure delivery of the certificate directly to the recipient.

Viewers' Choice Award Procedures

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