



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

# Pulled Thread Award Policy

## Statement

This award, to be known as the Pulled Thread Award, has been established by the family of Shirley Mae Collis in her honour. Shirley Mae Collis was a member of the Embroiderers' Guild of Victoria. She was a co-author of the EAC/ACB Teaching Certificate Programme, and the author of a project correspondence course. The purpose of the award is to encourage the applicant to further their study of pulled thread.

## Criteria

- The award shall be \$50 per year, awarded to one recipient. This money will be allocated from the fund established by the Collis family.
- The embroidery piece may or may not be an original design. If the embroidery piece is from a kit or pattern, the name of the designer must be included for display purposes.
- Any EAC/ACB member in good standing may apply for the award.
- The award shall be administered and adjudicated through the Education Committee.
- The applicant shall complete and submit to the EAC/ACB Education Director the *Pulled Thread Award Application Form* along with a high-resolution photograph; the actual embroidery must be delivered to the Education Director prior to the start of the seminar for adjudication;  
and  
submit to the Seminar Committee a completed *Members' Exhibition Entry Form*, for display at the Members' Exhibition of the annual EAC/ACB Seminar in the year of application.
- The work shall have been completed in the previous three (3) years and not have been entered in any previous national EAC/ACB Exhibition.
- Entries in the Pulled Thread Award category cannot be entered in the Youth Embroiderers, Seminar Theme Award, Original Design Award, Leonida Leatherdale Award and Exhibition Only categories.
- The winner of the Pulled Thread Award is ineligible to enter for the following two (2) years.

- The winner of the Pulled Thread Award shall submit a Pulled Thread embroidery piece for exhibition in the following year's Members' Exhibition or submit a 500-750 word article for publication in *Embroidery Canada*.

## **EAC/ACB shall:**

- Advertise the award criteria and application procedure on the website, eThreads, and in *Embroidery Canada*, space permitting.
- Provide information and application forms on the EAC/ACB website.
- Receive the completed application forms by April 1 of each year.
- Present these forms to the Education Committee at the annual Education Committee Meeting held before the seminar.
- Review, through an adjudication process by the Education Committee, all applicants and select the successful recipient for this award. The Education Committee reserves the right to withhold this award if the entry criteria have not been met.
- Announce the name of the successful applicant at the EAC/ACB Luncheon.
- Notify, in writing, all applicants for the award of the successful recipient immediately after the seminar.

## **Applicants shall:**

- Download the *Pulled Thread Award Application Form and Guidelines* from the EAC/ACB website..
- Submit the fully completed *Pulled Thread Award Application Form, Embroiderer's Experience* form (included with the application form and guidelines), and high-resolution image of the embroidery to the Education Director by the deadline date of April 1.
- Deliver the finished embroidery piece to the Seminar for adjudication and display in the Members' Exhibition.
- Demonstrate an above-average ability in executing the technique of Pulled Thread embroidery.

## **Award Recipient shall:**

- Promote the technique of Pulled Thread through further study of the technique.
- Display a piece of Pulled Thread embroidery at the Members' Exhibition at the seminar in the year following when the award was granted;  
or
- Write an article of up to 500 words and including at least one high-resolution image to go into the next issue of *Embroidery Canada*, space permitting.
- Be ineligible to enter this award for the following two (2) years.