



## Winnipeg Embroiderers' Guild

# ELEANOR THOMAS AWARD POLICY

### HISTORY

The Eleanor Thomas Award was created in recognition of Eleanor Thomas, a charter member of the Winnipeg Embroiderers' Guild (WEG). For 30 years, Eleanor had been an active participant in every aspect of WEG and the Embroiderers' Association of Canada (EAC). A true fan of all kinds of stitching, Eleanor was quick to share her knowledge, encourage youth embroiderers, widely promote WEG and EAC, and have a kind and encouraging word for everyone. She was instrumental in initiating and administering the Leonida Leatherdale Award which is presented at EAC's Seminar. EAC also created and annually awards a youth bursary in her name in recognition of her contribution to the education of youth embroiderers. Awarded a Life Membership in WEG and EAC, it is appropriate that this prize – which encourages members to stretch their creative wings and promotes needlework education – is given in her honour.

### ENTRIES

- Any member of the Winnipeg Embroiderers' Guild in good standing may submit an entry.
- Members may enter more than one item for competition.
- Members need not be present to enter a design; the piece can be submitted by proxy.

#### Entries:

- may be original designs or can be from a pattern or kit, or from a course or workshop (both WEG/EAC and non WEG/EAC);
- will be displayed separately from items submitted for a Members' Show;
- will be placed on display anonymously.
- entrants may provide whatever means of display they wish to show their piece to best effect.
- must be complete in their final form, suitable for public display.
- must have been completed within the last three (3) years.
- must not have been previously entered in this competition.

### VOTING

- The Eleanor Thomas Award winner will be determined by popular vote of members present at the designated WEG meeting.
- Proxy votes will not be accepted.
- Voting will take place by secret ballot.
- Members get one vote each.

### AWARD

- Only the first place winner(s) will be acknowledged.
- The winner will receive a prestigious Eleanor Thomas Award ribbon together with a one-year complimentary membership in WEG/EAC and a pin to be worn for the next year.
- If a tie of two entries results from voting, each winner will receive an Eleanor Thomas Award ribbon, a complimentary membership in WEG/EAC, and the pin to wear for six months each.
- If a three-way or more tie results, a second ballot will be taken on only those three or more items.
- A member can win more than once, and in consecutive years.