

New Zealand Through Our Eyes.

QUILT & FIBRE ART CHALLENGE

Welcome to the first Quilt and Fibre Art Challenge to be hosted by the Ailsa Craig Quilt & Fibre Arts Festival! We invite Fibre Artists from across Canada to participate in this challenge to celebrate the fascinating culture, flora, fauna, history and geography that comprises New Zealand. Cash prizes will be awarded.

FESTIVAL BACKGROUND:

Ailsa Craig Quilt & Fibre Arts Festival is an international event that sees this tiny village in southwestern Ontario, Canada bring fibre artists from visiting countries to display over 120 quilt and fibre art works of exceptional international quality. The visiting fibre artists teach workshops throughout the week, walk the show to converse with guests, are billeted by local townspeople and generally get a wonderful taste of life in North Middlesex while sharing their rich culture with our guests.

ABOUT THE QUILT & FIBRE ART CHALLENGE:

The Challenge "*New Zealand Through Our Eyes*" was developed to allow the Festival's many followers to participate fully in the event, even if distance precluded their attendance. All art work will be on display in the Ailsa Craig Arts Centre and Ye Olde Town Hall during the 2019 Festival and so viewed by approximately 3,000 visitors. Top art work, as selected by visitor voting and our New Zealand guests, will be forwarded to New Zealand where they will participate in a joint show hosted by the Aoterra Quilters, the National NZ Guild who are running a simultaneous challenge. An additional Canadian Travelling Trunk Show may also be established.

RULES & REGULATIONS:

Since our featured country is New Zealand, each entry **MUST** have a design feature that ties it to that country. (For example, if Canada were the country we were trying to honour, one might use a beaver, canoe, maple leaf, an important Canadian, etc)

You are totally unrestricted in the design and execution of your entry. You may paint, stamp, dye, resist, or manipulate your fabrics or fibre. You may quilt, embroider, rug hook, weave, spin your piece, or embellish to your hearts content. That being said, none of the above-mentioned design ideas are mandatory. You are your own designer, though patterns may be used. Photos used should have credit given, copyright rules adhered to, and patterns named on your label. You do the interpretation and creation, turning your thoughts and creative spirits into your art. We want you to have fun!!

Please do not frame or mount your work. No glass or stretchers.

PRIZES:

\$ 200 Viewer's Choice Award

\$ 100 Viewer's Choice Award Runner Up

\$ 50 Viewer's Choice Award Bronze

\$ 50 Best Youth Entry: Under 21 years of age. Selected by New Zealand fibre artists.

ENTRY DETAILS: ENTRY FEE.

Is \$15 per entry.

If you wish your entry to be returned, you must supply a return prepaid shipping envelope.

All others will become part of a traveling trunk show across Canada or New Zealand.

If your piece is selected to travel and be displayed in New Zealand: These pieces will not be returned to owners. They will be photographed and artists will be provided with a certificate recognizing their work has been accepted into an international show.

Local entries may be picked up after the show from the Challenge Convener (address below

DEADLINE:

All entries must be received by April 15, 2019

SIZES

Dimensions for the pieces are restricted to ensure the final show hangs harmoniously. Pieces may be any of the following finished dimensions:

18"W x 18"H (Square)

8"W x 8" H (Square)

18"W x 8"H (Horizontal)

8"W x 18"H (Vertical)

HANGING SLEEVE: At least 2" deep. On the back please.

LABEL: On back of work with your name clearly printed, name of your entry, and any designer pattern name or reference.

CONSTRUCTION: You are free to use whatever construction method that works best for your creation. We encourage you to challenge yourself. Your creation can be as complicated or as simple as you wish, as long as you create your entry yourself. No professional quilting machines please.

FABRICS. ETC. You may use as many types of fabric, fibre, embellishments colours etc. as you'd like.

Entries must be received by April 15, 2019. Entries to be returned must be accompanied with a return prepaid mailing envelope and a check made out to Ailsa Craig Quilt & Fibre Art Festival.

Entries will all be displayed at the festival venues with judging taking place during the festival. Winners will be notified by phone after the last day of the festival and their entries will be posted on the Festival website. There will be one vote per guest. Entries are to be mailed or dropped off to:

Challenge Convener: Marg Hodgins 129 Watson St., Lucan, On. N0M 2J0.