Small Expressions 2020
Annual Exhibit of Small-Scale Works

Produced by the Handweavers Guild of America, Inc. (HGA), Small Expressions is an annual juried exhibit featuring contemporary small-scale works. The exhibit showcases small scale works created using fiber techniques in any media, not to exceed 15 inches (38 cm) in any direction, including mounting, framing, or display devices. The exhibit is available for travel for a year.

Exhibit: July 13 – August 14, 2020, to be held at the University of Tennessee Downtown Gallery, Knoxville, Tennessee, USA. Following the Tennessee show, the exhibit will tour the United States through June 2021.

Juror: Anastasia Azure
Anastasia Azure hand-weaves dimensional art, exploring the grace of geometry. She shares her connection with our harmonious universe by creating contemporary wall sculptures and innovative jewelry. Combining metalsmithing with an ancient, Peruvian weaving technique, she uses wire and hand-dyed nylon monofilament on a traditional floor loom.

She earned her MFA in Textiles at the Rhode Island School of Design in 2011 and BFA in Jewelry Metal Arts at the California College of the Arts in 2005. She has been an Artist-in-Residence at University of Massachusetts Dartmouth and the Appalachian Center for Craft. She travels the globe teaching imaginative textile and jewelry workshops.

Jurarying
HGA seeks to feature work which is not only of the highest caliber in craftsmanship and technical ability, but which also speaks to intricacy of expression, intimacy of design, thoughtful communication, and visual excitement.

The juror will independently screen all images and make the preliminary selection of all work in the exhibition. Entries will be evaluated on concept, design, technique, craftsmanship, and creative exploration.

Accepted work is subject to final approval by the juror’s representative after the actual work arrives at the exhibition host venue. Work that exceeds the size limitation and/or differs significantly from the digital image representing it will be ineligible for the exhibition and returned to the artist.

Submission to Small Expressions implies that the artwork represented on the digital images will be, if chosen by the juror, available for the exhibition and that the artist understands that all accepted work, without exception, must remain for the duration of the exhibition.

Eligibility
Works exhibited in previous Small Expressions exhibits are not eligible.

Submitted work is limited to works made using fiber techniques (interlaced, felted, stitched, dyed, coiled, knotted, pulled, spun, etc.) and can be of any material. All work must be of exhibition quality, completed within the last two years (since January 2018), and not previously published in any national or international print publication.

The size of the finished work may not exceed 15 inches (38 cm) in any direction including any mounting, framing, and/or display devices.

Work executed under classroom/educational guidance or supervision is not eligible.

Entry Procedure
Entry is a two-step process.
1. Complete the Online Entry Form.
2. Email images to Sm.Exp@WeaveSpinDye.org. The subject line of the email should be your name (last name first).
Example: Lastname, Firstname

Image Requirements: Images must be submitted as digital images of completed work. There may be two (2) images for each work: One image of the entire piece and one optional detail image. Or one of the front and/or one of the back if it is a 3-D piece. Save as .jpg using the maximum quality setting with at least 300ppi. Length on the long side of the image should be approximately 3000 pixels in order to have a clear, large image. Name your image in the following format:

Image Title Format: Lastname_Title.jpg or Lastname_Title_Detail.jpg

Images may be color corrected to accurately represent the work but not enhanced in any way. Image editing is limited to cropping and adding or modifying a solid background of white, black, or gray.

The artist's name must not be visible on the digital image.

The images of accepted work will become the property of HGA and may be used for HGA publications and other promotional purposes.

Entry Fees

$17 per piece for HGA Members
$25 per piece for Non-Members
$0 per piece for Students (if artist does not have an active HGA Student Membership then a copy of artist’s student ID from an accredited educational institution must be attached and sent with the email with images).

Presentation of Work

All accepted entries must be sent ready to show and exhibit.

All work must be received ready to install. If work requires specific hanging device(s) or armature(s), these must be included with clear installation instructions.

All entries must remain on display until the conclusion of the exhibit.

Shipping

Shipping instructions will be sent after the acceptance notification. Work should be packed very well and shipped in a substantial reusable container. Artists must pay shipping and insurance costs to the venue and for return shipping and insurance costs from the venue. International return shipping may require valid credit card information. Contact HGA for details. No hand delivery of work will be allowed.

Awards

First ($500), Second ($250), Third ($100) place and Honorable Mention will be selected by the juror. Additional special criteria awards may be available. For updates please check the HGA Web site www.WeaveSpinDye.org.

Sales

Work on exhibit will not be for sale.

Liability

Exhibit pieces will be insured from the time of receipt for the insurance value indicated on the entry form up to $2,000 and will be insured against all risks of physical loss or damage from any external cause while pieces are on location during the period of loan. Insurance excludes loss or damage that occurs by any event beyond the control of HGA or the exhibition host venue.

During shipment, the insurance regulations of the shipping company will be in effect. The artist must provide any additional insurance.

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Questions:
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Email HGA at Exhibits@WeaveSpinDye.org

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