

Machine Embroiders of Oregon and Washington

Mona Hermens and Peggy Bodle Oregon and Washington Fairs

SEWING MACHINE ARTS CATEGORY

CLASS 1: SEWING MACHINE ARTS

CLASS 2: SEWING MACHINE ARTS -PROFESSIONAL (defined as any person who receives pay for teaching, judging, or, who sells their work.)

Following section limited to work done FREE MOTION on a sewing machine designed for normal sewing. (Additional categories maybe assigned by superintendent as needed.)

SECTION A FREE MOTION

LOTS:

- 01 Straight Stitch
- 02 Side Stitch
- 03 Combination of Straight Stitch and Side Stitch
- 04 Cutwork
- 05 Bobbin Work
- 06 Machine Needlelace
- 07 Portrait Technique
- 08 Beading
- 09 Multi-media (hand painted background with thread enhancement, stamping, dying, etc.)
- 10 Silk Ribbon by Machine
- 11 Free Motion Quilting
- 12 Special Techniques, Applique, Trapunto
- 13 Other Techniques, Stitching through metal, Recycled or "unusual" objects

Following section limited to work done NON FREE MOTION with either a sewing machine designed for normal sewing, or on special embellishment machines. (programmed stitches, cams, computer cassettes)

SECTION B COMPUTERIZED EMBROIDERY OR PROGRAMMED STITCHES

LOTS

- 1-13 Same as above (specify on entry form)
- 14 Decorative stitches used in a unique and artful way

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Fair Manager or President;
Superintendent(s) of Textiles:

Machine Embroiders of Oregon and Washington (MEOW) would again like to offer two awards, a Certificate and Ribbon to the exhibitor whose entry is chosen by the Department Judge as the Best Entry in the Sewing Machine Arts Category of a machine embroidered item.

In order to participate in this award your fair must 1) list the award in your Fair Premium Book, and 2) must also have categories for Sewing Machine Art. The newly revised category suggestions are enclosed with this letter. The revised category list now reflects the type of embroidery work being done by machine artists today. Fairs which currently participate in this award have placed the categories in one of their textile departments.

The MEOW Award is to be given to the best OVERALL entry in each section. MEOW DOES HAVE A LIST OF QUALIFIED JUDGES, at no charge. MEOW requests that a qualified Machine Arts Judge be used to Judge for the MEOW AWARD. Please request our list of judges at least one month prior to your Fair Date. If you need that information, contact me.

We believe that this award has been a positive addition to your fair, while allowing us to increase interest in this rewarding art form. Please return the enclosed form to the Oregon Fair Coordinator to receive this year's awards. The awards should be prominently displayed on the winning project during the fair, and the accompanying form returned to MEOW.

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QUALITY STANDARD CHECKLIST FOR SEWING MACHINE ART

Because Machine Art covers a wide variety of techniques, these guidelines should be considered in the context of the project/technique. Machine Art should be judged for decorative work, not garment construction.

A. Stitch Quality

- Thread appropriate to project/technique.
- Stitch length should be uniform for technique.
- Bobbin thread shouldn't show unless part technique.
- Threads shouldn't be frayed.
- Thread ends should be trimmed and secure.
- Threads should lay flat unless loops or dimension are part technique.
- Stitches covering edges of fabric should be appropriate and secure to prevent fraying.
- Embellishments should be securely attached.

B. Structural Design

- Project/technique should be suited to its purpose.
- Project/technique should be suited to materials and process used in making it.
- Project should show individual and creative expression.
- Background color, texture and shape should be suited to project/ technique.
- Design on garment should be appropriately placed.

C. Finishing

- Should be neat, clean and properly pressed. Not over pressed.
- No transfer marks should be visible.
- Fabric should not be puckered.
- Overall finishing of project should be appropriate for technique used.
(Hemmed straight, framed neatly, garment well made, etc.)

MEOW AWARD

Is to be given to the single best entry in each section of Class 1--not to participant with most points.

- Two awards per fair. Free Motion and Computerized.
- May be awarded if there is only one entry if that entry is of sufficient quality.
- May not be awarded, no matter how many entries, if no entry is of sufficient quality.
- Response sheet sent to Meow Fair Coordinator within one week of Fair closing.
- May be awarded to entrants not residing in county if non-residents are allowed.