

## DIVISION 25 - CREATIVE STITCHERY

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### IMPORTANT DATES:

- **July 4 to Sept. 3** - REGISTER online or in person.
- **Tuesday, Sept. 9** - DELIVER Creative Stitchery entries to Mellor Hall between 10am and 5:30pm. Entry tags to be securely attached.
- **Sunday, Sept. 14** - PICK UP entries between 4:00 - 6:30pm, or during the following week from 9:30am to 4pm. Bring your claim checks.
- **Sept. 22 to 26** - COLLECT prize money and awards from the Office. Please bring entry tags with ribbons to verify placings.

**PRIZE MONEY:** 1st - \$5 | 2nd - \$3 (unless specified otherwise)

### GENERAL & HALL INFORMATION:

- See pages 8 and 11.

### DIV. 25 RULES:

- Entry fee is \$1/entry. **NOTE!** After Sept. 3, late fee is \$2/entry.
- One entry per exhibitor per class. All entries must be the sole work of the exhibitor unless otherwise stated.

- All embroidery must be by hand – no machine embroidery.
- Entry to have been completed within the last 2 years.
- All framed pictures must have a wire **SECURELY ATTACHED** across the back of the frame for hanging.
- Please specify overall frame dimensions on the entry form under 'catalogue description'.
- Where there is a definite class for an article, that item must be exhibited in that class. The chairpersons may move any entry entered in the wrong class to the appropriate class.
- Optional - on a 3" x 5" card include pattern name and source, type(s) of fabric, thread(s) and material used, and information regarding the construction process. Attach card to entry tag.
- The chairpersons reserve the right to refuse to display any entry that is unfinished, soiled, or obviously damaged.
- Exhibitor's Pass: exhibitors may purchase a 3-day pass for \$20. *Limit: 1 per exhibitor.*



### SPECIAL AWARD:

#### Special Creative Stitchery Award

Cowichan Valley Needlearts Guild

**PRIZE: \$30** | People's Choice

### Section 1: Canvas Work

*For framed entries, see rule e.*

#### CLASS #

- Petit point, any size
- Needlepoint, any size – may use a variety of stitches
- Plastic canvas

### Section 2: Embroidery

*Decorative stitches (not counted) on fabric.*

*For framed entries, see rule e.*

#### CLASS #

- Embroidery – finished, not framed, e.g. pillow, bag.  
**PRIZE: 1st - \$20 Gift Certificate | All Tied Up, Duncan**
- Embroidery – framed. **PRIZE: 1st - \$20 Gift Certificate | All Tied Up, Duncan**
- Cutwork
- Crewel embroidery – wool
- Crewel embroidery – not wool
- Sashiko, Visible Mending, or “Slow Stitching” – entry must be finished. May include stitching on a purchased item (eg. visible mending on jeans) or may be framed. **PRIZE: 1st - \$20 Gift Certificate | All Tied Up, Duncan**
- Any other technique or combination of techniques.

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## Section 3: Woolwork Appliqué

### CLASS #

11. Woolwork – small item. **PRIZE: 1st - \$20 Gift Certificate | All Tied Up, Duncan**
12. Woolwork – large item. **PRIZE: 1st - \$20 Gift Certificate | All Tied Up, Duncan**

## Section 4: Counted Thread

*Stitches (i.e. cross-stitch, Hardanger, Blackwork) worked on fabrics such as linen, Aida, etc. For framed entries, see rules e.*

### CLASS #

13. Counted thread, stitching less than 6" wide – framed
14. Counted thread, stitching 6"-12" wide – framed
15. Counted thread, stitching wider than 12" – framed.
16. Counted thread – finished, not framed, e.g. pillow, bag
17. Hardanger – any article
18. Blackwork – any article. **PRIZE: 1st - \$20 Gift Certificate | All Tied Up, Duncan**
19. Any other counted thread technique
20. Any stitchery technique or combination of techniques.

## Section 5: Senior Creative Stitchery (65+)

*For framed entries, see rule e.*

### CLASS #

21. Any article with stitchery (65 - 75). **PRIZE: 1st - \$20 Gift Certificate | All Tied Up, Duncan**
22. Any article with stitchery (76 & older). **PRIZE: 1st - \$20 Gift Certificate | All Tied Up, Duncan**

## Section 6: Special Projects (open to all ages)

### CLASS #

23. 2025 Colour Challenge: Maroon, Sea Green, Sky Blue & Silver Shimmer. **PRIZE: 1st - \$15 | donated by Alison Irwin**
24. 2025 Theme Challenge: hand embroidery, any item inspired by "Winged Wonders"
25. Christmas embroidery – any item
26. Any other holiday or seasonal item
27. Smalls: needlework or sewing accessory – such as a needle book, pincushion, scissor case, hussif. May be a single item or a matched set of 2 or more pieces.
28. Exhibitor's original design – any embroidery technique or combination of techniques, design must be wholly original
29. Any project by a novice – exhibitor has been stitching for no more than 3 years
30. **NEW!** Canadiana: any stitchery project incorporating Canadian motifs. **PRIZE: 1st - \$20 Gift Certificate | The Stitcher's Muse, Nanaimo**

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