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PieceWork Magazine Announces the 2009 Brooch Contest Winners in July/August 2009 Issue



Loveland, Colo., July 15, 2009: *PieceWork* magazine announced the winners of the 2009 Brooch Contest, Excellence in Needle Arts Awards, as featured in the July/August 2009 issue, on newsstands nationwide now (\$6.99). The awards, a biannual cooperative between *PieceWork* and industry sponsors, showcases the best work of needlecrafters in quilting, embroidery, tatting or lacemaking, needlepoint, cross-stitch, knitting or crochet.

"To all who entered our 2009 brooch contest, thank you! The technical expertise and brilliant creativity wowed all of us. After several rounds of blind judging (in which the names of the makers are not revealed until judging is complete), we selected our winners and we're thrilled to feature them in the magazine," says *PieceWork* editor Jeane Hutchins.

The winners include a grand-prize winner, four first-place category winners, four honorable mentions (one for each category), and an additional forty-four entries to be included in the brooch display.

The Grand Prize winner, receiving a \$500 cash prize from The National Needle Arts Association (TNNA), is **Sharlotte A. DeVere of Leechburg, PA** for her *Butter "scotch"*, a needlepoint brooch using an alternating Scottish-stitch variation. This is DeVere's second Grand Prize finish in the awards, having won the Grand Prize in *the 2008 Pincushion Contest*.

First-place winners each received \$200 in prizes from the awards' first-place sponsors. The winners are:

First Place, Lacemaking or Tatting (sponsored by Presencia Hilaturas USA): **Dawn Borrer of Hilliard, OH** for *Wren*, a bobbin lace pattern from *New Patterns in Honiton Lace* by Caroline and Barry Biggins (London: Batsford, 2003).

First Place, Needlework (sponsored by Presencia Hilaturas USA): **Jill Walker of West Sacramento, CA** for *Rabbit and Cabbage*, an embroidered design adapted from designs by Elizabeth Black and Marni Cardin.

First Place, Quilting (sponsored by *Quilting Arts* magazine): **Dina Buckey of Brandenburg, KY** for *Abstract Landscape*.

First Place, Knitting or Crochet (sponsored by Lantern Moon Handcrafted.): **Maureen McGinnis Patterson of Roseburg, OR** for *One-of-a-Kind*, a knitted sock brooch.

The four honorable mention winners, one for each category, receive a one-year subscription to *PieceWork*.

Photographs of the brooches can be viewed online at www.PieceWorkMagazine.com.

All fifty-three brooches will be on display at the Embroiderers' Guild of America (EGA) headquarters in Louisville, Kentucky, from July 1 through September 23. For more information on hours and location, visit www.egausa.org or call (502) 589-6956.

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