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CROCHET GUILD OF AMERICA ANNOUNCES WINNERS OF THE 2009 WORLD WIDE DESIGN CONTEST

The Crochet Guild of America (CGOA) announces the winners of the 2009 Second Annual Crochet Design Contest. Designs were entered from crochet artists, around the world, contributing original work including crocheted gowns, free form sweaters, beaded bags, crochet as art and beautiful afghans. The design contest, open to members only, asked for entries in four categories: fashion, home décor, crochet as art, and accessories.

This years **\$1,000 GRAND PRIZE** was presented to Renee Barnes of Bruno, Arkansas for her amazing Crochet Confection Evening Gown.

First Place winners in each category are:

- Fashions First Place, Patricia Williams from Ozone Park, NY for entry entitled "Flamenco Dancer Dress"
- Home Décor First Place, Ferosa Harold from Mausica Arima, Trinidad & Tobago for her entry entitled "Doily"
- Crochet as Art First Place, Gwen Blakley-Kinsler from Rolling Meadows, IL for her entry entitled "Heartrock Hotel"
- Accessories First Place, Jerry Rigdon from Dallas, Texas for entry entitled "Spring Handbag"
- People's Choice Award, Paula Bennett from Torrance, CA, Category: Fashion, entry entitled "Wedding Gown"

The entries were on display and judged at the CGOA Annual 2009 Chain Link Conference in Buffalo, New York from August 5-9, 2009. Photos of the Design Contest can be viewed at <http://www.cgoanow.blogspot.com> and at www.crochet.org.

"We are especially grateful to Coats & Clark, who provided the prize money for the top awards," said Rita Weiss, president of the CGOA. "Our members are a very talented group. The participation in the design contest exceeded our expectations." Sponsors of additional contest placements include: Boye Needle Co., Dynamic Resource Group/*Crochet!* Magazine, Interweave Press and Martingale & Co. A complete list of winners can be viewed at <http://www.crochet.org/pdfs/2009CGOADesignContestWinners.pdf>.

The goal of the Crochet Guild of America is to educate the public about crochet, provide education and networking opportunities, and set a national standard for the quality, art and skill of crochet through creative endeavors.

To become a member of CGOA enroll online at www.crochet.org or contact: CGOA, 1100-H Brandywine Blvd., Zanesville, OH 43701-7303, e-mail: CGOA@offinger.com, phone: 740-452-4541, fax: 740-452-2552.

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