



CGOA 2011 Design Competition Information

Deadline August 31, 2011

ELIGIBILITY

The competition is open to all current CGOA members, at all membership levels, excluding judges.

Entries must be primarily crocheted. Other fiber, needle and crafting arts may be incorporated in your design, but the overall impression must be crochet. Any materials may be used.

Entries must be original designs that have not been previously entered in this competition or previously published in any print or electronic media. Entries do not have to be new or recently crocheted, as long as they are your own designs.

DESIGN CATEGORIES

There will be seven judging categories:

1. Fanciful Fashion: fancy adult garments and accessories, including gowns, dresses and evening wear.
2. Fashion: for women or men, including sweaters, tops, jackets and skirts.
3. Accessories: including shawls, socks, scarves, hats, bags, belts and jewelry.
4. Small Wonders: anything small scale, including baby items, toys, amigurimi and small décor items.
5. Afghans: any and all afghans, throws, blankets and bed or sofa covers.
6. Thread Crochet: anything made with crochet thread, including doilies, décor and accessories.
7. Artistic Expressions: designs more artistic rather than functional in nature, including free-form and mixed media pieces, hangings, sculpture and wearable art.

Please decide which category best describes your entry. Entries may be shifted to the most appropriate category at the discretion of the judges. If your entry is an ensemble or grouping, please include no more than three individual elements or pieces per single entry. You may submit as many entries in as many categories as you like.

FEES

A \$15 fee is required for the first entry plus \$10 for each additional separate entry (make one check for all entries payable to CGOA). Entry fees cover return shipping, but you are responsible for the cost of shipping your design to the receiving location by the deadline, 31 August 2011.

JUDGING

We are thrilled to welcome this year's panel of judges: Marcy Smith, editor of *Interweave Crochet* magazine; Kathleen Sams, ambassador for Coats & Clark; and Drew Emborsky, the Crochet Dude. All entries will be evaluated equally in a blind judging across a range of qualities including: design appeal, use of stitches, color, selection of materials, workmanship, finishing, appearance and functionality as indicated. Judging will take place on location at the CGOA Conference in Greensboro, North Carolina, 21 September 2011.

AWARDS

Winners will be announced during the Awards Ceremony on 22 September 2011. You do not have to be present to enter or to win. Thanks to our generous sponsors, including as of this writing AllFreeCrochet.com, [Boye](http://Boye.com), BuyCaron.com, [Caron International](http://Caron International.com), FaveCrafts.com, [Interweave](http://Interweave.com), [Leisure Arts](http://LeisureArts.com), [Tahki Stacy Charles](http://TahkiStacyCharles.com), [Tulip Co.](http://TulipCo.com) and [WEBS](http://WEBS.com), and we have thousands of dollars in awards. One Grand Prize will be awarded, plus \$300 First Prize, \$200 Second Prize and \$100 Third Prize in each category, along with special prizes to be announced, including the [DesigningVashti](http://DesigningVashti.com) \$100 Special Technique Award for outstanding use of alternate crochet techniques and construction (including Tunisian, Broomstick



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and Hairpin) and the [Crochet Liberation Front](#) \$100 Peoples' Choice Award (to be chosen on site by attendee voting). Cash prizes may be awarded in the form of checks mailed to the winners following the event.

ENTRY FORMS

The entry form this year is electronic, a google doc. The link to the form is [here](#) and is also posted online at the CGOA website (www.crochet.org) and at the CGOA Now blog (<http://cgoanow.blogspot.com/>). **Please do not submit a form until you ship your entry in August.** Follow the link to view the entry form, fill in the required fields, then click submit. You will get a confirmation e-mail for each entry you complete. Please save and make a hard copy of each returned entry to send with your design. Submit a separate entry form for each design entry.

PREPARING YOUR DESIGN

Written patterns are NOT required. Yarn, hook, stitch, technique and gauge information is optional, and may be written into the design description box of your entry form.

DO NOT sew or otherwise permanently attach any identification on your entry. Please use a removable hang tag or other small form of ID tied or pinned securely to each piece, with your name and title of design clearly printed on each tag.

SENDING YOUR DESIGN

You may ship multiple entries in one package. Entries must be shipped to the receiving location, to arrive no sooner than August 15 and no later than August 31, 2011, so please plan accordingly. Late entries may be excluded from the competition. Entries will not be accepted at the conference site. All entries will be treated with the utmost respect and care.

SHIPPING CHECKLIST:

- Design sample, each piece of a group or ensemble and each separate design entry ID tagged
- Hard copy of entry form for each separate design entry
- One check, covering all fees.

SHIP TO:

Doris Chan
28 North Valentine Drive
Garnet Valley, PA 19060
E-mail contact for shipping purposes: crochetdesigner@comcast.net

ABSOLUTE DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES is 31 AUGUST 2011!

GETTING YOUR STUFF BACK

All entries will be on display during the conference. Those attending the conference may pick up entries from the display as directed on Sunday, 25 September 2011. Proper identification may be requested for signing out entries.

Otherwise, entries will be returned via USPS Priority Mail to the address you list on your entry form, as soon after the competition as feasible. Tracking information will be provided if you offer your e-mail address.

DESIGNER AGREEMENT

By entering this competition, you agree:

- You are a current member of CGOA in good standing.



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- Your entry is your own original work, not previously entered in this competition nor previously published.
- Your name and likeness and any images of your entry may be used during and after the event for purposes of information and promotion.
- Winning garments may be modeled for photography and shown during the Awards Ceremony and also in the CGOA Fashion Show as needed.
- You do not hold CGOA, this committee, Offinger Management or the event venue responsible for any accidental or incidental wear or damage to your entry.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Competition entries are not automatically entered in the CGOA Fashion Show, although the winning garments may be shown as part of the event. Generally, only banquet attendees may enter pieces in the fashion show using the entry form included in event registration materials. However, special arrangements can be made if done in advance. If you can't attend that evening, but wish to have your design included in the fashion show, please fill out a separate fashion show entry form available through www.crochet.org. To keep this committee in the loop, anyone with garments that must be transported from the competition display to the fashion show please make a note of this in the "Comments" box of your competition entry form.

If you have questions concerning any of this, please E-mail crochetdesigner@comcast.net.

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