

Designer Drying Competition and Exhibition Information

A competition and exhibition for Australian based weavers (no international entries) celebrating kitchen towels and plant fibres.



Kitchen towels, used by everyone, appreciated by many, contain a history of women's work and craft. The tea towel dresses our kitchens and speak of who we are. We have used them to wrap presents for bridal showers. A bottle of wine wrapped in a tea towel is a lovely gift for the host and hostess at a dinner party. They kept tea pots warm and covered scones and picnic fare. They have featured in many a dowry. What do they tell us about our lives today? We want to see your stories, ideas and sense of fun with colour in the kitchen in hand towels and tea towels. Afterall, they are often on display in the cornerstone of your house: the kitchen.

Designing a tea towel or hand towel for the kitchen can be a weaver's favourite task – a chance to marry colour, structure and fibre to make something beautiful that you will use. What do you want your towel to do for you? Is it for everyday use? A special towel for fine china? How will it adorn a kitchen? So decide on your use, colours, fibres and structures and enter the competition.

Important Dates	
20 July 2023	Entries open
Friday 1 st September	Entries close
Friday 22 nd September, 3pm	Exhibits must arrive at the Guild
Tuesday 3 rd October to Friday 27 th October	Exhibition dates
29 th October to 11 th November	Exhibits to be collected or posted back

Prizes: Overall Best Towel prize will be valued at a minimum of \$100.

Other major prizes minimum value \$50.

All entry fee monies, except the processing fee, will be used for prizes. Encouragement awards will also be given at the judges' discretion. Our judges are highly respected weavers and well known in Victoria, with years of weaving experience.

Section	Prize Categories	
Tea Towels	Use of colour	All entries will be considered for these prizes.
	Originality	
	Sustainability	You need to nominate for this category on the entry form and explain in 30 words max
Hand Towels	Use of colour	All entries will be considered for this prize.
	Tradition	You need to nominate for this category on the entry form and explain in 30 words max
Tea and hand towels	Best Towel	All entries will be considered for this prize.
	Young Weaver Award	Under 40. Nominate on the entry form. You may include your age if you wish – not required.

The type of equipment used to weave your towel is requested on the entry form, as the judges have been asked to consider this information in their deliberations. Please read the conditions of entry forms very carefully and ring or email if you have any questions.

Paper copies of the entry form will be available at the Guild, 655 Nicholson St, Carlton.

Conditions of entry

- a) **All exhibits are to be handwoven and wet finished and ready for use.**
- b) **The Exhibit is for Australian based weavers with no international entries.**
- c) All entry forms need to be at the Guild on or before Friday 1st September. (remember the Guild closes at 3pm)
- d) Exhibits are to arrive no later than Friday 22nd September, 3pm.
- e) All articles need to be made with plant based fibres.
- f) A statement of the type of loom used, the yarn composition and label will be required on the Exhibit Ticket which will be supplied later. Samples of yarns used at least 10 cm in length are to be included in a sandwich sized sample bag.
- g) The Exhibit Ticket and sample bag are to be securely pinned to the front of exhibit with a safety pin. We will remove the bottom of the Exhibit Ticket for judging. Marking the front of your exhibit ensures it is displayed correctly.
- h) No names, labels or photos showing any faces are to be attached to exhibits, with the exception of the Exhibit Ticket as stated in f).
- i) After the exhibition, towels **not for sale** will be available for collection from Tuesday 31st October. These items must be picked up by Friday 10th November.
- j) Towels **for sale** will be placed in the HWSGV Gallery with a 30% commission to the Guild. Banking details will be required on the Exhibit Tracking form which will be sent with the Exhibit Tickets. (Tea Towels have previously sold for approximately \$45)
- k) If you wish to send a set of towels for sale, you will need to choose ONE ONLY for exhibition. The others will be placed in the Gallery for sale.
- l) If you wish items to be posted back to you, please supply a prepaid post bag with your name and address on the front.
- m) All items will be unpacked at check in and set out in preparation for judging. All care will be taken of the exhibits submitted. The Guild will not be responsible for the loss of, or damage to, any exhibit irrespective of the cause of such loss or damage.
- n) The decisions of the judges shall be final and conclusive without the right of appeal.
- o) The HWSGV reserves the right to publish names of participants and use photos of the exhibits now or in the future.

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