THE EXEMPLARY 2018 AWARDS

PROFESSIONAL ORIGINAL

1^{st}	The Garden Box	Marsha Papay Gomola
2^{nd}	Orchid Flowers	Anna Lifson
2^{nd}	Checking on the Nest	Marsha Papay Gomola
2^{nd}	Music in the Garden	
	Sewing Box	Marsha Papay Gomola
$3^{\rm rd}$	Little Angel	Anna Lifson
$3^{\rm rd}$	Annette's Bouquet	Deborah Mitek
HM	My Wildflower Garden	Carol Pedersen
HM	Tesseract	Victoria Nessel
HM	A Dusting of Snow	Gail Stafford
HM	Topsy Turvy	
	Apricot Grove	Kurdy Biggs
HM	Calico Blue	Susie Williams
HM	Casting Spells	Dawn Donnelly

Non-Professional Original

1^{st}	Life Is a	
	Winding Staircase	Rachel Watkins
2^{nd}	Antioch Mosaic with	
	Needle and Thread	Arlene Cohen
$3^{\rm rd}$	Traditional Hardanger	
	Embroidery	Solveig Walstrom

PROFESSIONAL NON-ORIGINAL WITHOUT INSTRUCTIONS

$1^{\rm st}$	Black Bears with Santa	
	in the Canadian	
	Rockies	Marlene Doak
2^{nd}	Bears with Hats	Marlene Doak
2^{nd}	Three Angels:	
	Elizabeth, Angie, and	
	Lucile	Marlene Doak
$3^{\rm rd}$	Aly's Owl	Donna Halpin
$3^{\rm rd}$	Spring Rabbit	Marlene Doak

Non-Professional Non-Original Without Instructions

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1^{st}	Cheers	Arlene Niskar
2^{nd}	Minnesota Map	Jane Tracy
$3^{\rm rd}$	Jesse's	
	Christmas Stocking	Teresa Hall



PROFESSIONAL NON-ORIGINAL WITH INSTRUCTIONS

1st	Jacobean Inspiration	Rozelle Hirschfelt
2^{nd}	Bird Watcher	Teresa Frank
2^{nd}	Victorian Splendor	Rozelle Hirschfelt
3^{rd}	Flock of Chickens	Carol Pedersen
HM	Sun Dragon	Judi DiCarlo
HM	Queen Anne's Lace	Cheryl Christian
HM	English Garden Box	Teresa Frank

NON-PROFESSIONAL NON-ORIGINAL WITH INSTRUCTIONS

Wishful Thinking	Sandy Meono
Debbie Stiehler's	
Pumpkin	Jane Tracy
French Knot	
Herbaceous Border	Joan Hayes
Bargello Sea	Sandy Meono
Debbie Tirico's	
Harvest Table Runner	Jane Tracy
Spooky Owl	Linda Bruce
	Debbie Stiehler's Pumpkin French Knot Herbaceous Border Bargello Sea Debbie Tirico's Harvest Table Runner

PROFESSIONAL MIXED MEDIA

1^{st}	Refuse the Straw	Diane Herrmann
1^{st}	Homage to the Sea	Cheryl Christian
2^{nd}	Winter Meadow	Susie Williams
HM	Blue Hills	Dawn Donnelly

PROFESSIONAL JAPANESE EMBROIDERY

1^{st}	Pansy	Shay Pendray
2^{nd}	Ode to Callaway	Iudi DiCarlo

NON- PROFESSIONAL JAPANESE EMBROIDERY

1^{st}	Oval	Arlene Altman
2^{nd}	To Marge: Message	
	of a Flower Cart	Fran Guttman
2^{nd}	Camellias	Arlene Altman
$3^{\rm rd}$	Sisters	Mary Droll
$3^{\rm rd}$	Dusk	Arlene Altman
HM	Summer Hydrangea	
	Scroll	Iane Tracy

THE EXEMPLARY CHALLENGE 2018

1 st	Rescent	Kurdy Biggs
2^{nd}	My Friend Clare	Do Andrew
$3^{\rm rd}$	Angelique	Gail Sirna

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SPECIAL AWARD WINNERS

BEST OF SHOW (JEAN TAGGART AWARD)

The Garden Box Marsha Papay Gomola

BEST OF SHOW – JAPANESE EMBROIDERY (BEVERLY E. BOOKER AWARD)

Oval Arlene Altman

JUDGE'S CHOICE RIBBONS

Cheers Arlene Niskar (by Jane Farber)

Oval Arlene Altman (by Nanette Mathe)

Homage to the Sea Cheryl Christian (by Gail Sirna)

THE EXEMPLARY

Oval Arlene Altman

THE MUSE'S KISS (PEG LAFLAM AWARD)

Twisted Angel Toni Gerdes

THE ACADEMY HEART (JODY ADAMS AWARD)

The Garden Box Marsha Papay Gomola

THE LINDA CALSING AWARD

Refuse the Straw Diane Herrmann

THE BETSY ROBB AWARD

Life Is a Winding Staircase Rachel Watkins

THE DOLORES ANDREW AWARD

Orchid Flowers Anna Lifson

BEST FLOWER (THE GAIL SIRNA AWARD)

Pansy Shay Pendray

POPULAR CHOICE AWARD

Cheers Arlene Niskar

To Marge: Message of a Flower Cart Fran Guttman

Images of all award winners will be posted on the NAN Facebook page throughout the summer, and the complete gallery will be viewable on the NAN website by summer's end.

THE EXEMPLARY CHALLENGE 2020

By Dolores Andrew, NAN-certified Teacher and Judge

What stitches do you imagine when you see prickly pear cactus, little fuzzy animals, or rough tree bark? Trying to express them in embroidery can be challenging, but also fun. Therefore, our next challenge will be having fun with texture.

Texture draws attention to a composition, gives it depth and form. It can jump out, like fireworks, but not always. It can also be sensuous satin, a delicate fern, or a wispy steam from a teacup.

Before you dash off in a frenzy of French Knots and turkey work, remember restraint, restraint, restraint. Texture can occur in different levels. Think of the different feel and character of a concrete sidewalk compared with a bumpy gravel path, and a rocky garden.

To start your inspiration, how about some unusual ground fabrics you might consider-- such as silk, burlap, corduroy, or velvet? Just thinking.

Size -- up to fit a $12'' \times 16''$ frame size, any subject, any technique. If in 2 dimensions: matted and framed, with screw eyes and braided wire, ready to hang. No sawtooth hangers.

Any other subject or technique should be finished appropriately for display...and do not forget your Artist Statement about how your textural inspiration happened!

