



# The Exemplary 2026 Awards

## Professional Original

1st Place	<i>A Spring Sampler</i>	Melita Glavin
2nd Place	<i>Lil Sparks</i>	Dawn Donnelly
3rd Place	<i>The Fascinating Miss Ruby</i>	Wendy Moore
3rd Place	<i>Heart of the Matter</i>	Wendy Moore

## Non-Professional Original

1st Place	<i>Hibiscus</i>	Lyn Klamam
2nd Place	<i>Mountain View</i>	Susan Garcia
3rd Place	<i>Tropquail</i>	Marina Dessotti Cortes

## Professional Adaptation

1st Place	<i>Chuck</i>	Dawn Donnelly
2nd Place	<i>Shelly the Turtle</i>	Melita Glavin
Honorable Mention	<i>Upwardly Abstract</i>	Lois Kershner

## Professional Non-Original with Instruction

1st Place	<i>Mother of Pearl Handbag</i>	Mary Alice Sinton
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## Non-Professional Non-Original with Instruction

1st Place	<i>The Poppy</i>	Helen Gottschalk
1st Place	<i>Quetzalcoatl</i>	Sandy Switzer
1st Place	<i>Lattice-Scape</i>	Sue Fassoles
1st Place	<i>A Song in your Heart</i>	Lyn Klamam
2nd Place	<i>Pineapple Lace</i>	Ereka Funkhouser
2nd Place	<i>Blackwork Dais</i>	Margaret Minns
2nd Place	<i>Fairy Mushroom House</i>	Christine Hawley
3rd Place	<i>Fritillary, Fennel &amp; Scarab</i>	Helen Gottschalk
Honorable Mention	<i>Oasis</i>	Sue Fassoles

## Non-Professional Non-Original without Instruction

1st Place	<i>Laurel Burch Or Nue Cat</i>	Susan Garcia
Honorable Mention	<i>John's Santa</i>	Mary D. Smith

## Non-Professional Mixed Media

1st Place	<i>What Treasures Lie at the Forest Floor</i>	Kim Berry-Rogers
Honorable Mention	<i>A Swatch Embellished</i>	Theresa Kundrot

## Professional Japanese Embroidery

2nd Place	<i>Hanazume</i>	Heather Shulick
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### **Non-Professional Japanese Embroidery**

2nd Place *Flower Ball* Sandra Biggar

### **Special Awards**

The Jean Taggart Award (Best of Show)	<i>A Spring Sampler</i>	Melita Glavin
Judge's Choice	<i>Fairy Mushroom House</i>	Christine Hawley
Judge's Choice	<i>The Poppy</i>	Helen Gottschalk
The Betsy Robb Award (Silk and Metal)	<i>The Poppy</i>	Helen Gottschalk
The Exemplary Award (Technical Excellence)	<i>Pineapple Lace</i>	Ereka Funkhouser
The Linda Calsing Award (History and Travel)	<i>King's College, Cambridge</i>	W. Richard Hamlin
The Peg Laflam Award (The Muse's Kiss)	<i>Shelly the Turtle</i>	Melita Glavin
The Gail Sirna Award (Best Flower)	<i>Mother of Pearl Handbag</i>	Mary Alice Sinton
The Dolores Andrew Award (Design and Color Creativity)	<i>Somerset</i>	Diane Blinn
The Michele Roberts Award (Hearts and Design)	<i>Heart of the Matter</i>	Wendy Moore
Popular Choice	<i>The Poppy</i>	Helen Gottschalk
Project Runway Competition	<i>Upwardly Abstract</i>	Lois Kershner

*For descriptions of The Exemplary award criteria visit [www.needleart.org/Awards-at-The-Exemplary](http://www.needleart.org/Awards-at-The-Exemplary).*