

## ***DIMENSIONS* – SCC ANNUAL JURIED FINE CRAFT EXHIBITION**

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#### **INTRODUCTION**

*Dimensions* is the Saskatchewan Craft Council's annual, touring, juried exhibition of Fine Craft open to all Saskatchewan craftspeople. *Dimensions* features about 35 Fine Craft pieces from a wide variety of craft media. Both new and experienced craftspeople have a chance to be included by submitting up to two handcrafted items for jurying by two respected master artisans. Prizes presented at the Awards Ceremony and Reception at the opening of the *Dimensions* exhibition celebrate excellence in each craft medium as well as outstanding works of creativity and innovation. The award donors make a substantial contribution to *Dimensions*, each focusing on a different area of craft production. *Dimensions* is generously supported by the Saskatchewan communities which exhibit the show and by provincial, cultural and governmental organizations.

#### **ENTERING WORK**

You can submit two entries, one of which can be a set or collaboration, in any craft medium. Details for entering work will be available in January in the Call for Entry brochure. We need to receive prior notice that you intend to enter pieces; this date and the delivery instructions will be in that brochure.

We receive about 170 - 200 entries. The jurors select about 35 works representing the best pieces. Jurying is as objective and anonymous as we can make it. Pieces are presented to the jurors along with their descriptive information (title, medium, processes, explanatory notes, etc.), except identification of the maker, which is replaced by a number.

#### **JURORS**

We use two jurors, one from Saskatchewan familiar with the local craft scene, and one from outside the province. Both jurors are very experienced with craft in general, and each is an expert in a particular medium, different from the other's speciality. We vary the media represented from year to year. Often our jurors have wide experience with several crafts through their involvement with teaching and/or craft and art organizations and institutions. They also need to be able to transmit their observations and defend their selections in both spoken and written forms to the craft community. Sometimes arrangements can be made for the outside juror to conduct a workshop with a local guild or group while they're here which results in cost sharing on travel expenses. We appreciate receiving suggestions for potential jurors to add to our list.

## **AWARDS**

In our charge to the jury, we ask our jurors to choose the best works from the available entries regardless of media. If a prize is available in a particular medium, but no work or inadequate work is submitted, then the prize is not awarded that year. The prizes are not awarded until after all the works are chosen for the exhibition.

Most of the awards are supported by donations from guilds or businesses specializing in a certain craft medium. Major awards are funded by the Government of Saskatchewan, the Saskatchewan Arts Board, and the SCC.

## **CRITIQUE**

*Dimensions* jurying is conducted over two days; on the third day the jurors write their statement for our catalogue and present a public critique session where their process and various works are discussed. This is one of the most valuable educational aspects of our exhibitions program. In addition to the jurors' statements and comments, the members of the audience can ask general and specific questions about the works chosen and not chosen.

## **ARTIST EXHIBITION FEES**

The SCC pays exhibition fees to the craftspeople whose work is chosen for *Dimensions*. We strive to meet the currently recommended CARFAC rates.

## **CATALOGUE**

The catalogue encourages and rewards excellence in craft, which is the main focus of *Dimensions*. It is promotional for the participants and for the SCC. It is also educational with descriptions of works and the processes used. It contains jurors' statements about influences that have shaped the exhibition – often a distillation of comments made at the critique.

## **TOUR**

*Dimensions* currently tours to several galleries throughout the province. Sometimes we are able to arrange to send it to another part of the country, such as Newfoundland or Alberta. The debut exhibition is at the MacKenzie Art Gallery in Regina, where we hold the Awards Ceremony and Reception.

## CHANGES TO *DIMENSIONS* IN 2008

### ***DIMENSIONS – GROWTH***

Growth in Excellence in Saskatchewan Fine Craft  
Saskatchewan Craft Council's Open, Juried, Touring Exhibition for 2008

The Saskatchewan Craft Council (SCC) is celebrating changes to our annual, open, juried exhibition with the theme of "**Growth**" in 2008. Interpret "**Growth**" literally, figuratively, spiritually, above all with creativity and innovation in Fine Craft. Details will be available in the Call for Entry Brochure in January 2008. We're excited about the changes and we want to share that excitement to get you started on planning your entries.

- ◆ ***DIMENSIONS – GROWTH*** is open to all Saskatchewan residents.
- ◆ Entries will be new work of original design and exceptional execution in any craft medium interpreting the theme of "**Growth**".
- ◆ Each craftsperson can enter two pieces (one may be a set or collaboration).
- ◆ Each entry will need a short statement about your interpretation of "**Growth**".
- ◆ Entry Notification date will be **February 29, 2008**.
- ◆ Call for Entry brochures, on the SCC website, or at the SCC office, will be available after **January 7, 2008**.
- ◆ Delivery of works will be on **April 1 and 2, 2008**.
- ◆ Jurying session will take place **April 3 and 4, 2008**.
- ◆ The jurors' public critique session will be on **April 5, 2008** in Saskatoon.

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