



Final Days - Beechworth Fabric & Fibre Award Exhibition

An exhibition showcasing winners and entries of the inaugural Beechworth Fabric & Fibre Award is in its final days at the Old Schoolhouse Gallery.

This new event recognises the use of fabric and/or fibre in the creation of works in categories of clothing, sculpture and pictures. The Award attracted 101 entries from every state except West Australia.

Judge of the awards was Claudia Chan Shaw, fashion designer and company director for internationally acclaimed label *Vivian Chan Shaw* and presenter on the popular ABC TV program *Collectors*.

Among the winners were local artists including C.Upton and L. O'Toole from Wodonga in the category of clothing for their *mud to merlot* entry and Sally Huguenin of Wangaratta who won the sculpture award for *self portrait as bower bird*, featuring detailed hand-stitched feathers.

The awards are the brainchild of gallery operator Sandra Godfrey, who is a passionate supporter of arts and crafts.

"Visitors have been so impressed with the quality, colour, diversity and skills of the artists," Ms Godfrey said.

"I have also been totally overwhelmed by the quality of the exhibits and feel very honoured that all these skilful people have supported this event in its first year."

The Beechworth Fabric & Fibre Award Exhibition will remain on show until Friday at Old Schoolhouse Gallery, Loch Street Beechworth, opposite Burke Museum – entry is free.

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