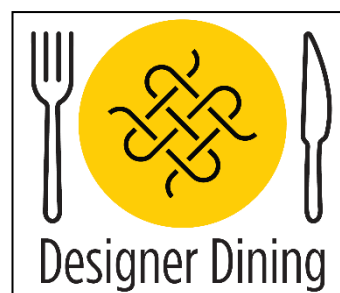


2024 Designer Dining Exhibition and Competition Information

A competition and exhibition for Australian based weavers celebrating the Platinum anniversary of the Handweavers and Spinners Guild of Victoria.



As the HWSGV turns 70 this year, we would like to see what would inspire weavers in decorating a celebratory table. “The way we gather around the table and the accoutrements with which we have done so for centuries, speak volumes about our place in history. Seemingly simple objects like forks, knives, spoons, tablecloths, napkins and more, ooze history within their very material, their shape, and design. Cultural revolution, industrial advance, war, violence, destruction, and reconstruction, it all comes to rest around the dinner table.” (<https://www.summerillandbishop.com/pages/history-of-the-tablecloth>) Until the 1950s, sixteen-year-old girls saved for their linen set. The linen cupboard was the woman's dowry. The greater the quality of fine linen owned symbolized wealth and desirability for marriage! The more linen, the richer you were.

Textiles for dining can be for indoors or out, which opens up the possibility of very interesting use of fibres/materials. **Fibre must be non-protein.** Help us celebrate and wow us with your talent!

Important Dates 2024	
Wednesday 17 th July	Entries open
Sunday 15 th September	Entries close
Saturday 21 st September 3pm	Exhibits must arrive at the Guild
1 st October to 26 th October, 2024	Exhibition dates
26 th October to 9 th November, 2024	Exhibits to be collected or posted back

All entry fee monies, except for small expenses 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.

Prizes will be awarded for the best

- Table Runner
- Set of Napkins (minimum 2, maximum 4) Entrant to explain how it is a set.
- Set of Placemats (minimum 2, maximum 4) Entrant to explain how it is a set.
- Aprons, tablecloths, seat covers or anything else dining related (but not coasters/mug rugs)

Overall prizes: Entrants will nominate for this category on the entry form and explain how it fits into the category.

- Mid Century Modern
- Sustainability
- New Graduates or Students of Intro to Weaving or 4 shaft Weaving Courses, either completed or started in 2023 and 2024.

The type of equipment used to weave your item 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 finished as appropriate and ready for use.**
- b) **The Exhibit is for Australian based weavers with no international entries.**
- c) All entry forms and payment need to be at the Guild on or before Sunday 15 September. (remember the Guild closes on Saturday at 3pm, but entries can be sent by email)
- d) Exhibits are to arrive no later than Saturday 21st September, 3pm.
- e) All articles need to be made with **NON-Protein Fibres**.
- f) A statement of the type of loom used, the yarn composition and label where available 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. 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 g).
- i) After the exhibition, items **not for sale** will be available for collection from Saturday 26th October at 3pm (after Weaving Matters meeting). These items must be picked up by Saturday 9th November.
- j) Items **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.
- k) If you wish items to be posted back to you, please supply a prepaid post bag with your name and address on the front.
- l) 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.
- m) The decisions of the judges shall be final and conclusive without the right of appeal.
- n) 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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