

ANNOUNCING 2009 DESIGN CONTEST!

Back by popular demand, CGOA announces the call for entries for our 2009 Design Contest.

Once again this year the rules are simple, we are not asking for written instructions. Judging will take place at our annual conference in Buffalo, NY, August 6 – 9, 2009. Items will be displayed in CGOA's booth on the Show floor. Winners will be announced and prizes awarded on Thursday night, August 6, 2009 during the Awards Ceremony. Deadline for entries is July 15, 2009.

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- Entries will be divided into four categories:
 1. Fashion – includes women's, men's, children's
 2. Home Décor – afghans/throws, rugs, doilies, kitchen/dining accessories, etc.
 3. Accessories – to include scarf/hat sets, jewelry, handbags, etc.
 4. Crochet as Art
- Contest is open to CGOA members ONLY. Designs in thread crochet and freeform are encouraged. Designs can be made in any yarn by any manufacturer. Entry forms are available on the Members Only area of the CGOA Web site (www.crochet.org).
- All entries **must be original designs**. Taking patterns or designs from any other source will disqualify your entry. You may get inspiration from any source, but plagiarizing another person's work will result in your entry being disqualified and ineligible for any cash prize. For example, merely changing the color or a few rows of stitches in another person's design is not acceptable – your work must be **significantly** different from any published work.
- All designs will be judged equally on their design appeal, use of stitches, color, and selection of materials. We will also look at the quality of the workmanship, finishing, appearance, and cleanliness. Soiled items and items which are not SMOKE FREE may be returned to the entrant at the discretion of the judges and will not be judged.
- One First Place (\$300.00), one Second Place (\$200.00), and one Third Place (\$100.00) winning entry will be chosen from each category. Additionally, there will be a Grand Prize (\$1,000.00) awarded to the best design from all categories, as well as a People's Choice Award (\$100.00), and Judges' Choice Award (\$100.00).
- Entry forms are available on the Members Only section of the CGOA Web site (www.Crochet.org). Entry forms, entry checks, and completed items must be received no later than July 15, 2009. Please tag your finished design with your name, address, member number, and phone number. Send all items together to:

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