

AUSTRALIAN CLOTH DOLL CHALLENGE 2019

“A figure that represents a character by Charles Dickens”

The aim of the challenge is to provide an opportunity for dollmakers to display their creative skills and to present an overview to the general public and the cloth doll making world of the standard attained here in Australia. The dolls will be displayed and judged at the W.A. Craft Show to be held in Perth on August 2nd, 3rd & 4th 2019 at the Claremont Showgrounds. We hope that you will aim to extend your creative ability and be inspired by the challenge to reach beyond your normal boundaries and increase your skills. Please encourage others to enter the challenge.

Rules and Conditions of entry

1. The theme of this year's challenge is to make “a figure that represents a character inspired from Charles Dickens”. Creativity and originality are encouraged and interpretation of design criteria will be important in the judging. General skill and workmanship will be taken into account as a secondary factor. This is to be considered an artistic challenge – not a formal sewing competition.
2. Entries must not have been entered in any other competition.
3. Entries are to be cloth based and may incorporate mixed media.
4. Entries can be original or adapted from a pattern and may have human or animal features.
5. Each entry is to come complete with some sort of support e.g. a doll stand unless it can sit or stand unaided. Our aim is to display your entry to its best advantage.
6. All maker's identification marks or labels must be removed or covered for the competition. You will be allotted a number after receipt of your entry money. This number is to be marked clearly on a piece of cloth with a permanent pen and attached to the bottom of the doll. E.g. under one foot or on their bottom if sitting. All items accompanying the entry should also be clearly identified with this number.
7. Entries will be handled with the utmost care and the display will be supervised at all times but responsibility for insurance rests with the entrant. By entering the competition, it is understood that organisers of the challenge and True Blue Exhibitions are released from all actions, proceedings, claims and demands arising from any loss or damage to goods whilst in the custody or under the control of the organisers.
8. It is to be understood that the entries will be on display and members of the public will be permitted to take photographs of the entries for personal use. The organizers and True Blue Exhibitions reserve the right to enable magazines to photograph the entries for publication, to be used in the coverage of the event.
9. The judges' decision will be final.
10. **Entry fee is \$10.00 per dollmaker for up to 3 entries.** To enter please send your name, address and number of entries together with your entry fee to Robyn Trefry, 54 Holmes St, Shelley WA 6148 to arrive no later than Wednesday 24th July 2019. Your entry numbers will be the last two numbers on your receipt plus a, b and/or c. Robyn can be contacted on ph 08 9457 8743 or rtrefry@hotmail.com. Cheques to be made out to Western Dollmakers Inc.
11. **Postal entries** will be accepted provided a return address label and return postage is included. Please use a sturdy box as this is the box your entry will be returned in. Entries can be sent to Robyn Trefry, 54 Holmes St, Shelley WA 6148 to be received by Monday 29th July 2019.
12. **Entries may be delivered** to Claremont Showgrounds Exhibition Centre between 10am and 2pm on Thursday 1st August and may be collected after 5pm Sunday 4th August. Entries may not be removed before this time.

PRIZES

1. *Most original interpretation of theme.* Prize donated by ‘TRUE BLUE EXHIBITIONS’. Mareene is a strong supporter of cloth dolls. For show information check the website <http://www.wacraftshow.com.au/>
2. *Margaret Harrold Memorial Prize.* Prize donated by Western Dollmakers Inc. www.westerndollmakers.com
3. *Packers Prize.* Prize donated by Western Dollmakers Inc. The winner of this prize will be chosen by those setting up the competition display.
4. *Viewer's Choice Award.* Prize donated by ‘THE TEDDY TREE’ 226 Scarborough Beach Rd, Mt Hawthorn WA. 6016. Open Tuesday to Friday and Saturday morning. Website is <http://teddytree.com.au/>

