

2023 CRAFT AWARDS

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The annual selection of Craft Award recipients presents accomplished and dedicated practitioners in the field of craft and design.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: FRIDAY, JUNE 2 2023, 11:59 PM EST

Craft Ontario is pleased to announce that the 2023 Craft Awards Program has 15 awards open for application. Below you will find a list of awards, along with descriptions outlining conditions and requirements.

Each award has its own parameters for submission. Please read the eligibility and application requirements carefully before choosing which awards to apply for. Some awards are media-specific, while others are delineated according to career level:

EMERGING: This category is for emerging makers and is reserved for those in the early years of their professional careers who may still be undertaking undergraduate or graduate studies and have a small exhibition record.

- You must have less than 8 years of professional practice to apply for awards in this category.

MID-CAREER: This category is for crafts professionals in mid-career and includes those past the early stages of their career who have produced a reasonable body of work and may have a fair degree of public exposure.

- You must have 8 to 15 years of professional practice to apply to this category.

ESTABLISHED: This category is for established craft professionals and includes those with an extensive body of work and with a history of national and international exhibitions and/or those who have achieved a wide degree of recognition.

- You must have at least 15 years of professional practice in order to apply to this category.



Dorothy Elaine McPherson Memorial Award in Mixed Media

\$1,000

Eligibility: Mixed Media, Emerging

Application requirements:

- Completed application form.

Description:

Established by the McPherson family in memory of Dorothy Elaine (Woodman) McPherson, this award recognizes excellence in mixed media and is open to emerging craft artists. The award celebrates the life of Dorothy McPherson, whose life was defined by a constant curiosity in the world of arts and crafts, and extensive artistic exploration in the areas of quilting, doll-making, embroidery, leatherwork, basketry, writing and cartooning. Her own artistic practice was equally matched by her generous patronage of artists and arts communities, which included education, volunteer support, and the founding two guilds in the areas of quilting and writing.

FUSION Ontario Clay and Glass Design Award \$400 (Membership and Conference Registration)

Eligibility: Ceramics, Glass, all career levels

Application requirements:

- Completed application form.

Description:

The FUSION Design Award was established in 2002, and recognizes excellence in design. The Design Award is a 1-year FUSION Membership plus admission to a conference event within the next three years. FUSION grew out of the Ontario Potters' Association, which was incorporated in 1975, and evolved into the Ontario Clay and Glass Association (1985). "The mission of the association shall be to encourage and promote excellence and quality in clay and glass, provide opportunities for fellowship and a sense of community involvement, provide continuing education resources for members and people interested in clay and glass and to reach out, demonstrating tolerance, caring, and acceptance for the diverse aspects of expression in clay and glass."



Gladstone House Award \$1,000, plus a year long display at the Gladstone House

Eligibility: 2D wall-mounted works, all career levels, must not currently have work at Gladstone House.

Application requirements:

- Completed application form.

Description:

An annual award offered by Gladstone House, Toronto's oldest operating hotel and a hub for creativity, this award recognizes excellence in 2D form. The award includes \$1000 cash and a selection of the artist's work installed in one of Gladstone House's guest rooms for one year, dates to be confirmed with award winner.

Media could include textiles, metal, wood, or framed work. Work must be low relief and wall mountable. Two to 5 medium to large works will be required for the guest rooms. Multiple small items presented as an installation are not suitable. The award is ideally suited to an artist working in the GTHA/York region, as the artist must deliver and pick up work – the award does not include shipping.

Helen Copeland Memorial Award in Ceramics \$1,000

Eligibility: Ceramics, all career levels

Application requirements:

- Completed application form.
- A 100 – 200 word description of community involvement.

Description:

Established by family and friends in memory of Toronto potter Helen Copeland, this award recognizes excellence in ceramics and is open to artists at all career levels. In reflection of Helen's exceptional contributions to the community through her work as an organizer, preference will be given to those candidates who demonstrate a high level of involvement in the crafts community.



Helen Frances Gregor Award \$1,000

Eligibility: Textiles, all career levels

Application requirements:

- Completed application form.
- A study plan of 100 - 200 words.

Description:

Established by family, friends and colleagues, this scholarship celebrates the life of Helen Frances Gregor, an internationally renowned textile artist and teacher. It is awarded annually to provide funds for a fibre artist to pursue further study or further development of their body of work.

James H. McPherson Award in Woodworking \$1,000

Eligibility: Woodworking, all career levels

Application requirements:

- Completed application form.

Description:

Established by family, this award is in memory of woodworker James H. McPherson (St. Thomas, ON). The award recognizes excellence in woodworking, especially in lathe and inlay work.



JJStudio Award for Emerging Jewellery Artists \$300

Eligibility: Jewellery, Emerging

Application requirements:

- Completed application form.

Description:

Established by JJStudio, this award recognizes excellence in jewellery and is open to emerging artists that are within 1 – 3 years of graduating from a postsecondary jewellery studio program. The award recognizes that the first years of transition after education into a professional career are some of the most difficult, and seeks to recognize and support accomplished artists as they work to establish their practice.

Lacy West Supplies. Ltd. Jewellery Supply Grant, \$200 Gift Certificate to Lacy West Supplies Ltd.

Eligibility: Jewellery, all career levels.

Application requirements:

- Completed application form.

Description:

Lacy West Supplies. Ltd. Supply provides funds for students or emerging craft professionals to purchase equipment and/or materials to establish their studios.



**Leisa Rich Fibre Arts Residency Award, 4-month
Residency at the Contemporary Textile Studio Co-op,
plus \$166 stipend for materials.
3 Available for applications each year**

Eligibility: Textiles, Mid-Career

Application requirements:

- Completed application form.
- Statement of intent - what will the focus of work be for the 4-month residency period? (500 words)
- Statement of Co-operative Values - What does it mean for the applicant to be part of a co-operative. How do they see being part of the Contemporary Textile Studio Co-op in terms of the values of self-help, self-responsibility, democracy, equality, equity, and solidarity? (300 words)

Description:

Established by Leisa Rich and the Contemporary Textile Studio Co-op, this award supports mid-career textile artists who are seeking to explore and develop new artistic directions. The award recognizes barriers to mid-career textile artists in finding financial, social, and professional support, and makes space for creating work that opens doors and advances contemporary textile practices.

**Lily Yung Memorial Award
\$1,000**

Eligibility: All Media, Established

Application requirements:

- Completed application form.

Description:

Established in 2011 by family, fans and friends, this award honours the memory of Lily Yung, whose unflagging energy and creativity as a mentor, innovator and advocate was so influential in shaping a contemporary craft discourse. Open to artists in any craft discipline, this award acknowledges excellence and innovation in craft as demonstrated by an established professional.



Melinda Mayhall Memorial Award in Indigenous Craft \$2,100

Eligibility: Indigenous Craft Artists (First Nations, Metis, Inuit), all media and all career levels

Application requirements:

- Completed application form.

Description:

This award celebrates excellence in craft by Indigenous artists (First Nations, Metis, Inuit), and is open to those working at any stage in their career. The Mayhall family sees supporting Indigenous Craftspeople as a key priority in craft.

Pattie Walker Memorial Award in Architectural Glass \$1,000

Eligibility: Glass: appliqué, stained glass, sandblasting, glass painting, acid etching, leaded work and/or dalle de verre, all career levels

Application requirements:

- Completed application form.

Description:

Established by friends and family in memory of glass artist Pattie Walker (1948 – 2012), this award recognizes excellence in glass and is open to artists at all career levels. The award seeks to support those that work in architectural glass, reflecting Pattie's commitment to the medium: *"Making art is about making contact. I strive to create art pieces and environments that will animate and energize space. And connect viewers to the radiant force of light."*



Shanks Memorial Award in Textiles \$1,000

Eligibility: Textiles, all career levels

Application requirements:

- Completed application form.

Description:

Established by family, this award is in memory of Helen Jeanette Shanks. The award recognizes excellence in textiles, and supports further self-directed study.

The Pottery Supply House Clay or Glass Supply Grant \$500

Eligibility: Ceramics or Glass, Emerging

Application requirements:

- Completed application form.

Description:

PSH The Pottery Supply House provides funds for students or emerging craft professionals to purchase equipment and/or materials to establish their studios.

Tuckers Pottery Supplies Ltd. Clay Supply Grant \$500

Eligibility: Ceramics, Emerging

Application requirements:

- Completed application form.

Description:

Tuckers Pottery Supplies Ltd. provides funds for students or emerging craft professionals to purchase equipment and/or materials to establish their studios.

