

“Dare to Differ – 2011” - Contemporary Quilts

What is “Dare to Differ”?

A small group came together in South Australia over a decade ago with the aim of promoting and showcasing contemporary art quilts in this state. The first exhibition was held at the Textile Museum and since then it has been held at Prospect Gallery. “*Dare to Differ*” exhibitions are usually held bi-annually. The interpretation of the quilts is left to the quilt maker. The contemporary quilt makers are encouraged to extend their horizons, leaning more to the Visual Arts and “Dare to Differ”.

The exhibition is open to ALL quilt makers within Australia. We have hoped that by opening entries to interstate contemporary quilt makers we give South Australian quilt makers and the general public the opportunity to view a very high standard exhibition of contemporary art quilts.

Each state and territory Quilt Guild are sent information and the entry forms. We also contact the Australian Quilt Magazines, Tertiary institutions and Textile Networks and usually try to publish articles about the exhibition including photos in the Australian Quilt Magazines.

A definition of a quilt for this exhibition is that it must be predominantly fibre, and be composed of a least two distinct layers, stitched together throughout the quilt. It must be innovative, original and of course meet the criteria of the title “Dare to Differ”. Entries will be preselected from photos – one of the whole quilt and one a detail in CD format. The photos MUST be of an excellent standard – clear and precise. This selection process is usually done by two or more quilt artists at an international level.

One of the most important things when entering any exhibition is that one needs to read and follow ALL the requirements accurately that appear on the entry form.

The exhibitions in the past have been exciting, diverse and of an extremely high standard. It is very important that we continue to give the opportunity to

the South Australian public (including all our quilt makers) to view such an exhibition held here in Adelaide.

So this is my plea – **enter this exhibition** and let's make it **bigger and better!**

Get thinking and creating – entries will be due in June/July 2011. The exhibition will be held in October 2011 – at Galley M, Marion Cultural Centre. Entry forms will be available in Patches or by email late 2010.

Please contact me if you need any more information regarding the exhibition.

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