

Third Christmas Ornament Design Contest

Ever wanted to redesign a piece of history? Well here's your chance! The Caring and Sharing Exchange, Arc Industries, and the Ottawa School of Art have united once again to hold the **Christmas Ornament Design Contest** where you'll have the opportunity to design an original Christmas ornament that could be used to produce ornaments with a backing of copper that originally covered the roofs of Canada's Parliament Buildings from 1918 to 1996! These ornaments will be sold nationally, so not only could your design reinvent a piece of history, but your name could travel the country along with your one-of-a-kind Christmas ornament. The ornament production and sales will provide meaningful employment for adults with developmental disabilities and will also benefit families in need during the December holiday season—so don't wait. Submit your original design today!

Contest Details and Rules

Eligibility:

1. The contest is open to all artists and want-to-be artists in Ontario, 18 years of age or older, excluding residents of Quebec.
2. Entries from artists under the age of 18 years will only be accepted with parental or guardian consent.
3. Current employees of the Caring and Sharing Exchange, Arc Industries, Nemo-Williams Recognition and the Ottawa School of Art and their immediate family members are not eligible to participate.
4. No purchase is necessary to enter the Contest.

How to enter:

1. Entrants may submit as many designs as they wish, with a separate entry form submitted for each design.
2. Entry forms can be downloaded from the Caring and Sharing Exchange website at www.CaringandSharing.ca or the Ottawa School of Art website at www.artottawa.ca. You can also fill out the online entry form and attach your design. The design must be in high resolution PDF, JPEG or GIF format.
3. All submissions must be the original work of the entrant. It must not have been previously published or copied from another work. Also, the design must not include any elements which are identical to, or confusing with, any trade-marks, copyright works, or other intellectual property belonging to a third party. Adaptations of existing art work will not be accepted.
4. All submissions shall become the property of the Caring and Sharing Exchange. By submitting a design, the Entrant shall assign her or her entire right, title and interest in and to the copyright and all intellectual property in the design submitted. Designs and artwork will not be returned as they may be used at a later date for other promotional purposes whether or not it is a winning entry.

Design (see photos of previous winners in 2010 and 2011):



**Peace Tower of the Parliament Buildings
By Artist Anna Blauveldt**



**Stars 2011
By Artist Alexandra Phillips**

1. Your design must be drawn in black and white line art in a circular design to the size of 2.5 inch (6.35 cm) in diameter.
2. The majority of the design must be contained in a 2.5 inch (6.35 cm) circle, allowing a minimum border of 1/8 inch (.33 cm).
3. Any portion of the design beyond the 2.5 inch (6.35 cm) circle must not reach .5 inches (1.27 cm) beyond the main circle, and must be at least 1/8 inch (.33 cm) in width.

4. The overall design must be sturdy enough to withstand the manufacturing process, including any lines used to connect one part of the design to another.
5. The design must be one colour only (suitable to pewter), and allow for the green cooper backing to show through.

Submitting Artwork

1. All designs must be received by **5:00 pm on Monday, May 13, 2013**.
2. Artwork submissions must be a black and white line art of your design for reproduction purposes.
3. Online submissions will only be accepted in high resolutions PDF, JPEG, GIF formats. Once you fill out the online entry form and submit your design, you will receive an email with a reference number. Please retain a copy of this email in case it is needed.
4. Electronic submissions will only be accepted in high resolutions PDF, JPEG, GIF formats and should be sent to communications@CaringandSharing.ca with subject line 'Art Contest'. Please retain the original hard copy in case it is needed.
5. Hard copy submissions on 8.5 x 11 inches or 22x28 centimeters on standard white paper can be sent to:
Christmas Ornament Design Contest
P.O. Box 5167
Ottawa, ON K2C 3H4

Winner Selection

1. Entries will be judged by a panel of judges and members of the general public.
2. The first stage of judging will be done by a panel of judges based on creativity, marketability and suitability of the design for the manufacturing process.
3. The designs selected by the panel of judges will then go to the second stage of judging by the general public via an on-line vote.
4. The winner will be determined by a combination of votes from the panel of judges, and the results of the public voting.
5. The winner will be selected and notified by phone and/or email.

Prize and Recognition

1. The winner will receive the tuition for a course at the Ottawa School of Art, valued at up to \$300.
2. The winner and candidates from the two phases of judging may be asked to participate in media interviews.

Additional Terms and Conditions of Participation

1. The Caring and Sharing Exchange reserves the right to eliminate any designs that are unsuitable or do not meet manufacturing requirements for production.
2. The Caring and Sharing Exchange has the sole discretion to make modifications to the design selected for the Christmas ornament in order to accommodate the manufacturing process and marketability of the product. The design selected for production may not necessarily be the winning design.
3. Entry constitutes agreement with all of the contest rules and terms, and also constitutes permission to retain, use and to publish and otherwise publicly disseminate information of the Entrant including name, city of residence, age, biographical information, likeness, voice, design entered, artwork, statements, quotes, testimonials and photographs, for promotional purposes in any media including, but not limited to, posting of such personal information and reproduction and display of the winning entry on the Caring and Sharing Exchange website, except where prohibited by law. By entering the contest, the Entrant agrees to the collection and use of his or her personal information by the Caring and Sharing Exchange and the judges for the purpose of administering the contest.
4. Failure to comply with the contest rules may result in the Entrant's disqualification.
5. The Caring and Sharing Exchange reserves the right to void any entry, change these contest rules or the means by which winners are selected or suspend and/ or cancel the Contest at any time.
6. The Caring and Sharing Exchange, Arc Industries and Ottawa School of Art shall not be liable for lost, late, misdirected, damaged or stolen entries (all of which shall be void).