

Queen of Gems

Opal Inspired Dress Design Awards 2009

QBOA

Queensland Boulder Opal Association

Welcomes you to the

WINTON

NATIONAL OPAL SYMPOSIUM

&

OPAL TRADESHOW

7-11 July 2009

Contact the QBOA Secretary for an information pack

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Inspiring Australia's Designers Through

'OPAL'

Australia's National Gemstone

The QBOA is endeavouring to tap into the wealth of talent we know exists and to promote this wonderful national treasure called OPAL, 'The Queen of Gems.'

Opal is Australia's National Gemstone. Per carat precious opal is more valuable than diamonds and rightly so, for no other gem known to man can compare with the play of colour and patterns which create its dazzling beauty.

For those of you who may not be familiar with Boulder Opal there are a number of books that can be used for reference and inspiration ~ one of our loyal supporters, Len Cram has had many books on opal printed.

The announcement of the winners of this award will be at a formal dinner held on Wednesday 8th July in conjunction with the National Opal Symposium. If you plan to attend please make your bookings as this dinner has a set number of seats.

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ENTRY FORM *Please use a separate entry for each entry*

Name		
Address		
State	Postcode	
Telephone	Mobile	
Email	Fax	
The entry must be inspired by Queensland Boulder Opal and its natural environment		
Description of garment including an explanation of how Opal inspired the design (please attach if more room is required)		
The entrant is responsible for insurance (if required) for the entry travelling to and from Winton.		
RETURN INSTRUCTIONS (please tick to indicate your entry's return)		
<input type="checkbox"/> I will collect my entry in person within 7 days from 8/7/09 - photo ID required on collection		
<input type="checkbox"/> I have included a prepaid envelope for the return of my entry		
CATEGORIES	NUMBER OF ENTRIES	ENTRY FEE
1. Evening Elegance - price per entry \$30		
2. Any Other Item of Apparel - price per entry \$30		
TOTAL		
CATEGORY 1 : EVENING ELEGANCE		PRIZE of \$1,000
CATEGORY 2 : ANY OTHER ITEM OF APPAREL		PRIZE of a Sewing Machine
At the discretion of the judging panel additional prizes may be awarded		

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NOMINATION and PAYMENT OF ENTRIES CLOSE Monday 22nd July 2009

ENTRIES MUST BE IN WINTON BY Monday 22nd July 2009

Unless other arrangements have been made

PAYMENT METHOD – Cheque/Money order made payable to :-
QUEENSLAND BOULDER OPAL ASSOCIATION INC.

IMPORTANT : PLEASE READ ALL RULES AND CONDITIONS THEN SIGN THE OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

I have read and hereby agree to abide by the Terms and Conditions of the 'Queen of Gems' Boulder Opal Dress Design Awards as stated :

SIGNATURE

DATE

MAIL TO :-

***THE QUEENSLAND BOULDER OPAL ASSOCIATION Inc
P O Box 334, Winton. Qld. 4735.***

Checklist:

- I have filled in all items on entry form
- I have attached the description of my design
- I have enclosed my cheque/money order (payable to Qld Boulder Opal Assoc inc.)
- I have read the Terms and Conditions
- I have signed my entry form

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TERMS AND CONDITIONS

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PARTICIPANTS:-

The competition is for non Professionals.

CATEGORIES:-

- CATEGORY 1:- Evening Elegance – As the name implies this is a traditionally formal evening outfit.
- CATEGORY 2:- Any other item of Apparel – this category allows the designers creative imagination to run wild to create an article of apparel in any medium.

ENTRY FEES:-

- \$30-00 **Non refundable** fee for each entry.

PRIZES AWARDED:-

- Evening Elegance \$1,000
- Any other Item of Apparel a sewing machine
- Other prizes may be awarded at the judge's discretion.

CRITERIA FOR DESIGN ENTRIES:-

- Submitted entries must be original designs that have not been put on display or commercialised before.
- There is no limit to the number of designs entered, but each entry can only be entered in one category.
- Designs in both categories must be **inspired by Boulder Opal and its natural environment.**
- A short written description of the garment including an explanation of the opal inspiration for the design must be attached to the entry this may be used by the MC on the night the winner is announced.
- Dress size to be size 12 or 14 unless you provide your own model for the parade.

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CONDITIONS OF ENTRY:-

- Insurance of the entries to and from Winton is the responsibility of the entrant. Your failure to secure insurance in no way shifts responsibility to QBOA.
- While the QBOA will take every precaution to ensure the security of the entries, including insurance against theft, loss or damage, QBOA will accept NO liability nor give any specific guarantee against theft, loss or damage of the entry.
- The QBOA accepts all entries in good faith, on the basis that they are original works which comply with the conditions of entry. The QBOA accepts no responsibility for any entry that is subsequently found not to be original. The QBOA also reserves the right to remove any entry from competition without explanation and/or rescind any award.
- Entrants must allow their entries to be modelled at the National Opal Symposium Dinner on Wednesday 8/7/09 when the winner will be announced.
- The QBOA reserves the right to photograph the entries for use in all QBOA marketing and publicity activities
- Nominations and payment of entries close on Monday 22/6/09
- Entries must be delivered to QBOA free of all freight or other charges no later than Monday 22/6/09 (unless other arrangements have been made)
- Return of entries by registered post must be paid for by the entrant.
- CANCELLATIONS will not be entitled to a refund.
- QBOA reserves the right to refuse any entry that is late or does not conform to the specific Rules and conditions of entry.

JUDGING:-

- Entries will be code numbered for anonymity for judging and the finalists shall be paraded at the National Opal Symposium Dinner on Wednesday 8/7/09 where the winners shall be announced.
- The judge's decision will be final and no correspondence will be entered into.
- At the discretion of the judging panel additional prizes such as High Commendation, Commendation or Certificate of Merit may be awarded.

Judging Criteria and Score:-

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| • OPAL INSPIRATION | 50 |
| • TECHNICAL SKILLS | 30 |
| • CREATIVE FLARE | 20 |