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Opal Jewellery Design Awards 2009

QBOA

Queensland Boulder Opal Association

Welcomes you to the

**WINTON
NATIONAL OPAL SYMPOSIUM
&
OPAL TRADESHOW
7 – 11 July 2009**

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Inspiring Australia's Jewellery Designers through the Rebirth of the Modern Opal Jewel

The QBOA offers a forum for talented jewellery designers and makers with a view to stimulating the creativity of the contemporary Queensland Boulder Opal jewel.

The competition aims at showcasing the modern opal jewel through the limitless creative energies of our designers / jewellers. It promotes boulder opals in general and the QBOA as a "centre of excellence" in particular.

Jewellery designers are given the opportunity to showcase their talent and creativity, especially in terms of interpreting the brief given for the competition. Entrants are given free rein as to the type of jewellery submitted, but the scope of the design must take into consideration the direction of the brief.

There are four categories for entry.

Category 1 is a Design Drawing category, open to all students and novices of jewellery design and is to be submitted in the form of a hand coloured drawing on A4 size paper.

Category 2 is for Novices and Non-Professionals, with the entered piece having a jewellery retail value up to \$2500.

Category 3 is for Apprentices and Students of jewellery making, with the entered piece having a jewellery retail value up to \$2500.

Category 4 is for Professional designers / jewellers, with an unlimited jewellery retail value.

We welcome you to participate in this exciting opportunity in Opal Jewellery Design Awards and showcase your talents in this rebirth of the Queen of Gems.

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Design brief

All designs submitted must be original, and must not have been previously entered in another competition.

Design a piece of jewellery that is eminently wearable and shows off the Boulder Opal gemstone as the must have accessory for the upcoming century.

Entrants may design and enter any piece of jewellery they wish.

The jewellery must be practical and able to be worn.

Designs will be judged on how well the Opal's natural beauty is utilised to enrich and intensify the design.

Judging will not be based on the stone's value, but on sound design principles.

How to Enter

The competition is open to professional and non-professional designers, students, graduates, teachers, jewellers, goldsmiths, etc.

Entry forms must accompany all entries. There are no limits to the number of entries submitted, but each entry must have its own entry form and entry fee.

Category 1: Design Drawings

Fill out the entry form and submit with your entry.

Category 2, 3 & 4 :

Fill out and submit your entry form, with a photo (or sketch) of the finished piece securely attached. This must accompany your jewellery piece.

Please ensure that your name and phone number is written clearly on the entry form.

Please send completed entry forms to:

Queensland Boulder Opal Association Inc.
Queen of Gems 2009
PO Box 334, WINTON. QLD. 4735.

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Entries Close Monday 22nd June 2009, with finished pieces to be delivered by Monday 22nd June 2009. For more information, visit www.gboa.com.au or send an email to gboa@bigpond.com. For terms and conditions, please see the entry form provided.

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

Name		
Address		
Town/Suburb	State	Postcode
Phone (area code)	Mobile	Email/Fax (area code)
Company Name		
Designer & Manufacturer of piece		
Name of Stone	Location Boulder Opal was mined	
General description of piece (eg. Materials used)		
Name of piece		
Please describe your inspiration, concept, influence, etc. in making this piece		
Retail value of entry (inc. GST)		
Valuation Certificate enclosed (for insurance purposes) please tick <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
THE ENTRANT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR INSURANCE OF THE ENTRY TRAVELLING TO AND FROM WINTON		
Is the piece of jewellery for sale? YES / NO (Commission of 15% incurred)		
Return Instructions (please tick <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> to indicate your entry return)		
<input type="checkbox"/> I will collect my entry in person within 7 days from 8/07/09. Photo ID required on collection		
<input type="checkbox"/> I have included a prepaid envelope for the return of my entry		
Apprentices:		
Year	Business Name	
Address		
Town/Suburb	State	Postcode
Phone (area code)	Fax (area code)	
Email		
Students: (of jewellery related courses)		
Students: (of jewellery related courses)		
Student Number	Course	Year
Lecturer		
Lecturer's email		Lecturer's phone (area code)
TAFE/University		

Novices / Non-professionals: *please complete the following statutory declaration, Oaths Act 1900*

I, the undersignedof..... in the State of, in the Country ofDo hereby solemnly and sincerely declare and affirm that I have had no professional training to qualify as a Manufacturing Jeweller. AND I MAKE this declaration, as to the matter aforesaid, according to law in this behalf made, and subject to the punishment by law provided for any wilfully false statement in any such declaration. TAKEN and declared at Justice of the Peace in the said state/Country thisDay of2009, before me:.....

Categories	Number of Entries	Entry fee
Category 1 – price per entry \$10-00 Student / Novice Design Drawing		
Category 2 – price per entry \$25-00 Novice / Non-professional Jewellery piece Retail value up to \$2500		
Category 3 – price per entry \$50-00 Apprentice / Student Jewellery piece Retail value up to \$2500		
Category 4 – price per entry \$100-00 Professional Jewellery piece Retail value – unlimited		
TOTAL		

PRIZES:
Category 1 - Boulder Opal Gemstone
Category 2 - Cut Boulder Opal Gemstone and Money to value of \$500
Category 3 - \$1000
Category 4 - \$2000
At the discretion of the judging panel, additional prizes may be awarded.

NOMINATION AND PAYMENT OF ENTRIES CLOSE Monday 22nd June 2009
ENTRIES MUST BE IN WINTON BY Monday 22nd June 2009

PAYMENT METHOD – *Cheque/ Money Order made payable to:*
 Queensland Boulder Opal Association Inc.

IMPORTANT: PLEASE READ ALL TERMS AND CONDITIONS AND SIGN THE OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM.
I have read and hereby agree to abide by the Terms and Conditions of the Boulder Opal Jewellery Design Awards as stated:

Signature	Date
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Mail to:
QUEENSLAND BOULDER OPAL ASSOCIATION INC.
PO BOX 334, WINTON QLD 4735

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Checklist:

- I have filled in all items on the entry form (professional category)
 - I have filled out the apprentice/student entry form
 - I have filled out the novice/non-professional entry form
- I have attached a photo / sketch of my jewellery piece to my entry form (Category 2, 3 & 4 only)
- I have enclosed my cheque / money order (Made payable to Queensland Boulder Opal Association Inc)
- I have read the Terms and Conditions

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

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

CATEGORIES:

- CATEGORY 1: Student/Novice
 - Design Drawing A4 size hand coloured
 - ENTRY FEE \$10-00
- CATEGORY 2: Novice / Non-professional
 - Any piece of jewellery with a retail value up to \$2,500.
 - ENTRY FEE \$ 25-00
- CATEGORY 3: Apprentice / Student
 - Any piece of jewellery with a retail value up to \$2,500.
 - ENTRY FEE \$ 50-00
- CATEGORY 4: Professional
 - Any piece of jewellery with an unlimited retail value.
 - ENTRY FEE \$100-00

CRITERIA FOR BOULDER OPAL JEWELLERY DRAWINGS:

- Submitted entries must be original designs. They must not have been put on display or commercialised before.
- There is no limit to the number of jewellery pieces entered, but each entry is subject to an entry fee.
- Boulder Opal must be the focal point of the piece. Other gemstones (synthetic gemstones, cultured pearls, Australian timber and shell etc.) may be used to enhance the design, but must not detract from the main criteria of the award.
- All drawings must be submitted on A4 size paper, with a minimum finished size of drawing filling an area no smaller than 100mm by 150mm.
- All work should be handmade. Drawings submitted must be in full colour, using whatever form of hand colouring (i.e. Pencils, gouache, etc.). Paper colour is up to the discretion of the entrant.
- Computer aided drawings are NOT acceptable.

CRITERIA FOR BOULDER OPAL JEWELLERY PIECES:

- Submitted entries must be original designs. They must not have been put on display or commercialised before.
- There is no limit to the number of jewellery pieces entered, but each entry is subject to an entry fee.
- Boulder Opal must be the focal point of the piece. Other gemstones (synthetic gemstones, cultured pearls, Australian timber and shell etc.) may be used to enhance the design, but must not detract from the main criteria of the award.
- All work should be handmade, with the use of necessary and appropriate tools. All materials used in the creation of the piece should as far as possible be Australian precious metals, however this does not exclude the use of new and innovative materials.

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY:

- All entries must be insured during transportation to and from Winton. Such insurance 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 exhibits, including insurance against theft, loss or damage, QBOA will accept NO liability nor give any specific guarantee against theft, loss or damage of the exhibits.
- 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 piece 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 pieces to be modelled at the National Opal Symposium Dinner on Wednesday 8th July 2009 when the winners will be announced.

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- The QBOA reserves the right to photograph the entries for use in all QBOA marketing and publicity activities.
- Entries must be delivered to QBOA free of all freight or other charges no later than Monday 22nd June 2009.
- Nomination and payment of entries close Monday 22nd June 2009.
- Return of jewellery 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 judged by alphanumeric identification only. Participants are to remove from boxes or jewellery containers any identifying marks, company/trading names, as well as any reference to the designer/manufacturer of the entry. The use of trademarks or manufacturers stamps is not permitted.
- A short technical description of the piece and the source of inspiration are to accompany each piece.
- 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:

- ORIGINALITY 50
- CRAFTSMANSHIP 30
- WEARABILITY 10
- CREATIVE USE OF OPALS 10



Sponsor of Category 3 – Apprentice / Student