

The Hoffman Challenge Celebrates 20 Years

Every year, a team from Hoffman Fabrics chooses an upcoming fabric design, and then issues a challenge to quilt, clothing, accessory, and doll makers to create original items using the fabric. The challenge curator and a group of assistants jury the entries, and then a team of judges selects the award winners.

The Hoffman Challenge has grown to be a premiere traveling quilt, clothing, and doll collection. The quality of entries and a growing number of exhibit requests have led to the establishment of additional traveling collections. Currently, 12 collections travel coast-to-coast within the USA and to several Canadian locations.

This year the Hoffman Challenge is celebrating its 22nd Anniversary. The Challenge started with 94 enthusiastic quilters, and some years the number of entries has grown to more than 800. In addition to the three quilt categories (pieced, appliqué and mixed technique), new categories include clothing (wearable art), accessories, and dolls. While the majority of the entries come from the United States a wide variety of international entries are received. Each year, the top entries are grouped into traveling collections and visit quilt and fiber shows, seminars, quilt shops and quilt- and doll-makers guilds nationwide and in Canada.

For additional information on The Hoffman Challenge, visit the Web site www.hoffmanchallenge.com. 🐾

New Cosponsor for 2009 Hoffman Challenge:

Sulky of America will now be a cosponsor for the Hoffman Challenge! There will be new award packages for the existing categories, plus Best Use of Sulky Awards!



3rd Place Mixed Technique
"A Japanese Sampler, Family Style"
 35.5"H x 35.5"W
 Nancy Lauer-Sipple, Vashon Island, WA



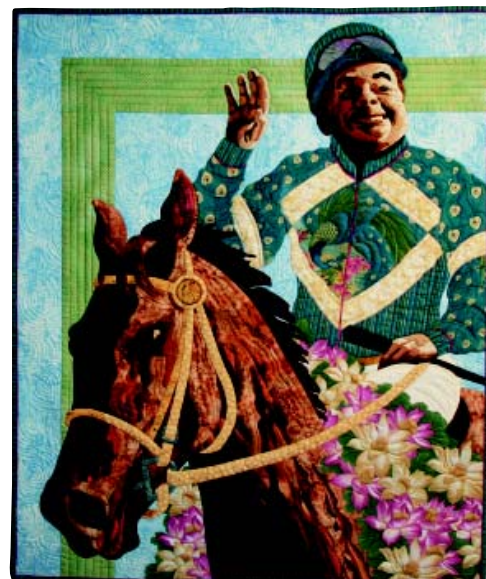
1st Place
"Garden High Tea" Bodice and Skirt
 Donna M. Brown
 Laramie, WY



1st Place Pieced Quilts
"Just Being Happy"
 30"H x 30"W
 Cathy Pilcher Sperry
 West Chester, OH



1st Place Doll
"Madame Peacock"
 23"H x 7"Base
 Patricia Wormuth
 Applegate, OR



1st Place Applique
"The Winner's Circle"
 35"H x 29.25"W
 Nancy B. Dickey
 Magnolia, TX ▼