

## 2025 FIBER FORUM JURYING PROCEDURES



Fiber Forum promotes embroidery as an art form through the exhibition of original works of exceptional merit. Fiber Forum has an annual jurying for EGA members who wish to join Fiber Forum; for Fiber Forum members who want to be re-juried; or for members who wish to have current work critiqued. Fiber Forum selects two independent jurors each year to review and score the entries submitted. If your work attains a passing score, you are eligible to become a member of Fiber Forum (\$25 per year). You may submit digital images of one or two works only. Top-quality images are essential, and the use of professional photographers is recommended. The jurying fee is \$30 per submitted work or \$60 for two. You may pay the fee online or by check. Everyone must complete a submission form for each entry. You have a choice of sending the images, entry form and artist statements on one jump drive, one CD or via email attachments.

### **Guidelines for submission:**

1. The submitted work must be an original piece completed within the previous three years that you will not teach or propose for a class until after the annual jurying process is completed. EGA's definition of original is "one which from the beginning is solely the creative product of the stitcher." You may submit original work started in a classroom situation but developed to a finished artwork. A piece previously juried but not accepted may be re-submitted once within the time limit of three years. A piece previously juried-in may not be re-submitted.
2. Each entry requires a submission form and TWO images, one overall or full view from edge to edge, this includes mat and frame if there is one, and one detail of the work. For a wall hanging, the photo should include the rod or hanger if the hanging mechanism is not hidden. For three-dimensional work, large size artwork (at least one side must measure 18"), and work done as a series, three images may be submitted. Images on the jump drive, CD, or sent via email should be in jpeg (JPG) format and all photos must be a minimum of 2000 pixels on the shortest side. Please title the images with the name of the piece and indicate which view it is (e.g., GardenViews\_full.jpg; GardenViews\_detail.jpg). Using a permanent marker (no paper labels), label the jump drive or CD with "2025 FF Jurying", your name and email address. Jump drives and CDs WILL NOT BE RETURNED. Refer to #5 for mail instructions.
3. An artist's statement about each piece, limited to one hundred words, is required. Please load this onto the jump drive or CD as a Microsoft Word document with the same title as the jpeg image of the artwork (e.g., GardenViews.doc or GardenViews.docx) or send via email as an attachment along with the images. Each email should contain at most the files for one entry, i.e., submission form, images, and artist statement with description. More

images in a single message may overload email programs. If you know how to make a zip file, you may send all photos and documents for an entry in one zipped folder.

4. The entry consists of the following items:
  - a. Jurying Fee: Pay online (see submission form) OR mail a \$30/\$60 check made out to Fiber Forum EGA
  - b. Entry Form(s): Fill out and send via email OR can be mailed.
  - c. Artist Statement(s) with descriptive information: Can be sent to the email address OR can be mailed.
  - d. Photo Images: Can be sent to the email address OR can be downloaded onto a CD or jump drive (refer to labeling instructions in #2) and mailed.
  
5. Email entries to: [FFJurying@gmail.com](mailto:FFJurying@gmail.com). Label the subject line with “2025 FF Jurying” and identify the source of the email by including your name in the letter.  
**OR** Mail entries through USPS to: Sally Olsen, Fiber Forum, Jurying Coordinator, 1750 34<sup>th</sup> Street SE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52403-3710.
  
6. Entries must be postmarked or time stamped between March 1 and March 15, 2025. Entries outside these dates will not be accepted. [FFJurying@gmail.com](mailto:FFJurying@gmail.com) will acknowledge receipt of entries. Entrants will be contacted if payment or images and statement are not received by the deadline or if the entry form is incomplete. (Please check your jump drive or CD to make sure the files can be opened). If the submitter returns the completed materials prior to the submission deadline, the entry will be considered for jurying. Please allow at least two months to receive the results of jurying.
  
7. The submission form is in pdf format. Choose a method or variation that works for you.
  - a. Download the submission file, print the file, fill it in manually and mail it.
  - b. Download the submission file, print the file, fill it in manually, scan and email it.
  - c. Download the submission file, open it in Adobe Reader (free), use the fill-in features to complete it electronically, and submit it via email.

If you do not have a computer, need a paper form or have questions or difficulty with the submission process, please contact [FFJurying@gmail.com](mailto:FFJurying@gmail.com) .