

FIFTH NATIONAL SMOCKING COMPETITION - 2005

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Please read the Competition rules very carefully.

RULES:

The competition is open to ALL smockers, whether or not they are a member of a Guild.

You may enter as many items in either, or both categories, as you wish. Each entry must have a separate number and be accompanied by a separate entry form.

If you have received a First, Second or Third Prize in a National Smocking Competition; are a Smocking Teacher or operate a Business in smocked items, you may only enter in the advanced section; if none of these criteria apply to you, you may enter either section according to your own discretion.

Each item entered must be theme-appropriate - either using African fabrics; or inspiration from Africa - its traditions, colours, fauna, flora or landscapes etc.

All smocking designs must be original ie solely the effort of the person entering the article -- be creative and use your designing talents. (Garment patterns need not be original designs.)

All work must have been completed within the last two years; not done under instruction; not entered into a previous competition or published for monetary gain.

Each item entered must be smocked and constructed by the same person. NO items may be worked on in a group or a class. No unfinished work will be accepted.

The Competition judges may not be consulted directly about any aspect of the smocking or construction of the item(s) to be submitted.

The judging criteria will include technical excellence in smocking design, colour and technique; construction of the item; originality and the appropriateness of the item to the theme.

All entries must reach The Highveld Smockers' Guild c/o P O Box 661, Fontainebleau, 2032 *no later than noon* on Wednesday 7 September 2005.

Each entry must be sent to the Competition Organiser together with the supplied competition number and the completed entry form in an opaque packaging. NO other form of identification may be used to ensure anonymity for the entries.

DO NOT PUT YOUR NAME ON THE ITEM(S).

The organisers of the competition will exercise every due care of the items while in their possession, but nevertheless cannot be held responsible for loss or damage to any item.

All items entered into the competition will be put on display at the exhibition. The competition organisers reserve the right to photograph the competition entries, and these photographs will remain the property of The Highveld Smockers' Guild and may be published at their discretion (without further approval). Only photographers authorised by the Competition Organising Committee will be allowed to take photographs at the exhibition.

The judges decision is final, and no discussion or correspondence will be entered into.

The winners of the various prizes will be announced at the Exhibition venue on Saturday at 3pm. The winners will be notified by mail, and a full list of prize winners will be published in the different Guild Newsletters.

Entries may be collected **after** the close of the exhibition. Any items not collected from the exhibition venue will be returned to the owner by courier, and the cost will be born by the owner.

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