



GOLD AND SILVER WYRE DRAWERS

The Worshipful Company of Gold and Silver Wyre Drawers Create New Prize to Support Craft

See our prizewinning piece and the other entries at the Exhibition of the Craftsmanship and Design Awards 2012 at Goldsmiths' Hall. There is a late evening opening on Wednesday 7th March until 8pm

To celebrate the Gold and Silver Wyre Drawers Company becoming a special patron of the 2012 Goldsmiths' Craftsmanship and Design Awards, the Company has created a new Special Award which will be presented by the Gold and Silver Wyre Drawers to a winning entry which displays the innovative use of wires, either precious and/or non-precious, in an item of fashion jewellery. The winner will receive a prize of £1,000.

The Award signifies a new emphasis for the Company, which aims actively to promote its craft in the 21st century, and is one of a number of new initiatives it is planning for 2012.

About the Competition

The submission for the Special Award will have to show practical use of wire (precious and non precious) incorporated into a contemporary design. There are two sections which submissions can apply under:

Section A of the prize 'Production Jewellery', has an emphasis on a design led item of production jewellery which will be primarily judged on the potential for reproduction as successful multiples. Production methods and techniques using casting, laser technology, jig making, production machining etc should be used.

Alternatively, Section B of the prize, 'Gallery Jewellery' allows applications for a one off piece showing innovation of the use of non precious wire in fashion jewellery.

The Awards Ceremony and Exhibition

All submissions will be judged by experts in the field assisted by Jean Scott-Moncrieff and Elizabeth Elvin in early February, with the Master, Rodney Brody, presenting the prize to the winning entrant at the Awards Ceremony at Goldsmiths' Hall on Monday 5th March. There will be an exhibition of all the Craftsmanship and Design Awards winning pieces at Goldsmiths' Hall, Foster Lane, London EC2V 6BN from Tuesday 6th March to Monday 12th March (weekdays only) from 10am – 5pm. Late opening till 8pm on Wednesday 7th March.

For more information on the Goldsmiths' Craftsmanship and Design Awards 2012:

www.craftanddesigncouncil.org.uk