

## Braids Not to Wear - a Competition and Virtual Exhibit

Entry deadline: October 31st, 2021

<b>Eligibility</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Open to all AKS Members with a paid membership current through December 1st, 2021.</li><li>• All artwork must be original, solely created by the entrant, and can not be from a kit or a class project*. (*techniques learned in a class may be used)</li><li>• Work must have been completed within the past two years.</li></ul>
<b>Submission Guidelines</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Braids must make up at least 50% of the artwork and must be by your own hand.</li><li>• Artwork can be any shape but can not exceed 12 in. (30cm) in any direction and must fit in a 12 in. (30cm) x 12 in. (30cm) x 12 in. (30cm) cubic space.</li><li>• Must be non-wearable art (not jewelry).</li><li>• All materials including fiber, beads, metal, etc. can be used in the creation of the braids and/or as part of the artwork.</li></ul>
<b>Categories</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Diverse materials: A combination of materials with or without fiber.</li><li>• Fiber Only: No beads, wire, metal or other materials in the artwork. Other materials may be used to display the artwork.</li><li>• Plants and Animals: Artwork evokes or suggests an animal or plant and recognizable.</li></ul>
<b>Entry Procedure</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• To participant in Braids Not to Wear entries must be received by October 31st, 2021. Submit entry form with photos of your artwork (see Photography guidelines). Applicants may submit up to three contest entries. Each entry requires a separate application..</li></ul>
<b>Judging</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Judging will be based on overall appearance, photography, presentation, and creativity.</li><li>• The judge's decisions are final.</li><li>• Judges will select first, second, and third place for each category.</li><li>• Judges TBA</li></ul>
<b>Awards</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Award winners will be announced by December 1st, 2021.</li><li>• First place winners will be featured in Gathering Threads 2021.</li><li>• All entries will be displayed on the AKS website.</li></ul>
<b>Photo Guidelines</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Photograph your artwork on a neutral background, preferably white, unless your piece is white or very pale, then photographs should be on a middle value gray background.</li><li>• Digital images should not be cropped too closely, leave at least 1/2 inch of the background visible.</li><li>• If necessary, artwork can be photographed from different angles and closeup shots are encouraged. Up to five photos can be submitted for each entry.</li><li>• <b>Digital image specifications:</b> jpeg, maximum 2 MB, square cropped preferred - or photo will be sized after submission.</li><li>• <b>Title of photo:</b> last name, first name, artwork title, e.g. Doe_Jane_Sunrise.jpg. Number photos if more than one photo of the same image is submitted: Doe_Jane_Sunrise2.jpg.</li></ul>