Queen’s Prize Artisan Showcase Guidelines for the Kingdom of Atenveldt

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I. What is a Queen’s Prize Artisan Showcase?

The Kingdom of Atenveldt Queen’s Prize Artisan Showcase is an intermediate-level showcase and “competition” wherein artisans who have not yet been elevated to the Order of the Laurel may display an artworks or artistic endeavor (based upon pre-17th century aesthetics, methods, and/or functionality) at various events by invitation of Her Majesty of Atenveldt.

Here, Her Majesty, as well as the Laurels of Atenveldt, will have an opportunity to meet the upcoming artisans of our great Kingdom and to view their endeavors, perhaps providing feedback, encouragement, advice, and answers to any questions posed by participating artisans. Her Majesty is encouraged to provide a prize for each of the following categories:

- Queen's Choice;
- Laurels’ Choice; and,
- Populace Choice.

The Queen’s Prize Artisan Showcase provides a completely different environment than that of the Atenveldt Kingdom Arts & Sciences Competition. Here, there are no elaborate rules and requirements, and extensive documentation is optional. Artisans who do not choose (for any reason) or do not feel ready to enter the Kingdom Competition may feel more at home here.

II. When will Queen’s Prize Artisan Showcases be held?

Queen’s Prize Artisan Showcases will take place at the whim and command of Her Majesty of Atenveldt, patroness of the Arts & Sciences. These showcases may be held at any event that Her Majesty plans to attend. Of course, attempt will be made to announce these to the Atenveldt artisan community well in advance. Her Majesty of Atenveldt may command that several Queen’s Prize Artisan Showcases be held during her reign, or may decline to sponsor any whatsoever—this is Her Majesty's option.

The Atenveldt Ministry of Arts & Sciences respectfully recommends that at least one Queen’s Prize Artisan Showcase be held each reign. In addition, if more are held during a reign, care should be taken to ensure that these may be held in varying locations throughout the Kingdom.

III. I am a Laurel—why may I not enter the Queen’s Prize Artisan Showcases?

Members of the Order of the Laurel are considered Masters and Mistresses of their Arts and Sciences across the Known World, and have already been recognized for their ongoing achievements in the Arts & Sciences! As such, members of the Order of the Laurel are encouraged to act as both role models and guides within the Arts & Sciences. Her Majesty asks that these peers assist Her Majesty by acting as such in any Queen’s Prize Artisan Showcase, where they are in attendance, by providing feedback to artisans, and by answering artisan

questions. Her Majesty also requests that the Laurels attending a Queen's Prize Artisan Showcase work together to select, and to suggest to Her Majesty, a recipient of her “Laurels’ Choice” prize.

IV. How will prize winners be determined?

The winner of Her Majesties “Queens Choice” prize will, of course, be selected at the sole discretion of Her Majesty.

A “Laurels’ Choice” prize winner will be suggested to Her Majesty by the Laurels attending the event at which a Queen’s Prize Artisan Showcase is held. Her Majesty requests that Laurels attending the event, and able to do so, visit the Showcase to view the works of and interact with the artisans present, and then meet together to be able to suggest a prize recipient.

Her Majesty also invites her populace to view the artworks being presented at her Showcases, to meet the artisans, and to propose to Her Majesty the winner of a “Populace Choice” prize by submission of a ballot.

V. Who runs a Queen’s Prize Artisan Showcase?

Her Majesty will select a representative to be the Steward of a Queen’s Prize Artisan Showcase. This person will, in all probability, be selected in advance by Her Majesty or by the Atenveldt Ministry of Arts & Sciences. The Steward will assume all responsibility for running the activity at the event.

VI. What are the “official” rules for the Queen’s Prize Artisan Showcase?

A. A Queen’s Prize Artisan Showcase may be suggested by Her Majesty to be held at any event during her reign. Her Majesty, or a representative, will inquire of the Event Steward(s) to determine whether a Queen's Prize Artisan Showcase will fit into the event structure, and whether appropriate equipment needed to hold the Showcase may be found.

B. The Atenveldt Kingdom Ministry of Arts & Sciences is ultimately responsible for organizing, publicizing, administering, and running a Queen’s Prize Artisan Showcase at the request of Her Majesty. However, anyone may act as a Queen’s Prize Artisan Showcase Steward. [Arts & Sciences Champions, at any level, Laurels, and local Arts & Sciences. Officers are encouraged to volunteer to assist Her Majesty in this endeavor.]

C. Any artisan, other than Masters or Mistresses of the Laurel, is invited to bring a single work (or, a group of related works) to display at a Queen’s Prize Artisan Showcase. Artisans must be prepared to attend their entry, and to interact with any viewing their work. Documentation is not required; however, minimal documentation is suggested, and full documentation may be brought to obtain feedback (perhaps prior to entering the work in a local or Kingdom-level Arts & Sciences Competition). A small sign indicating the name(s) of the artisan(s) and the nature and historical time period of the entry is also suggested.

D. All Laurels attending an event where a Queen’s Prize Artisan Showcase is being held are invited by Her Majesty to assist her by viewing the entries, visiting with the artisans, and meeting briefly to select and propose a Laurels Choice’ winner.

E. Her Majesty will offer prizes and recognition during Court for a winner in each of the following three categories at each Queen’s Prize Artisan Showcase: Queen's Choice, Laurels’ Choice, and Populace Choice. If Her Royal Highness (our Crown Princess) is

also present at the event, she may also choose to offer a prize (Princess' Choice). [Of course, prizes may be obtained exclusively by Her Majesty, or maybe offered to Her Majesty by donation from members of her populace wishing to support the Arts & Sciences.]

F. Artisans wishing to set up a display of a work or project at a Queen's Prize Artisan Showcase, but not opt to be eligible for the prizes offered (i.e., participate as non-entrants), are welcome to do so. However, the Steward of the activity should ensure that such displays are on tables designated as, "For display only…" This will eliminate any possible confusion for Her Majesty, the Laurels, and the populace when viewing the entries and any other displays present.