

## TEXTILE DESIGN COMPETITION 2010 GUIDELINES

The Shrewsbury Drapers Company has held a Textile Design Competition for the past 14 years. The competition is open to all residents of Shropshire aged 16 and over, providing they are either students or of amateur status. Shropshire students who are at college in the UK outside Shropshire can also enter. This year will focus on the theme “**The Elements**”.

### **Historical Background**

The Drapers were first mentioned in Shrewsbury in 1209 as individuals in the first Guild of Merchant Rolls of the Town. The Guild Merchants administered all trades in the town in the late twelfth and thirteenth centuries. The Drapers achieved full Guild status with their incorporation by Royal Charter in 1462. The Drapers Hall has stood in St Mary's Place since 1485. The current building dates from 1576 and the interior finishes are detailed on the lease of 1577. It is probably the only wooden framed Guildhall in the country with uninterrupted use by the original company. The present Drapers Company is responsible for twenty almshouses as well as educational and other charities.

### **Competition Guidelines**

The competition is for a piece of textile work which must incorporate some wool but which can include other material, decorative needlework, collage etc. The work must relate to the theme “**The Elements**”. The finished work may be of any size subject to a maximum of 1 metre x 1.5 metres. Size alone is not a judging criteria. A title and brief written description of 10 words should accompany the entry.

Only amateurs may enter being those who do not earn a living from selling or teaching in the field of Textiles, Art or Design Technology. The judges reserve the right to decline to accept an entry where amateur status is in doubt.

*The prizes will total £1200 and consist of 2 x Gold Awards (one being The Susan Auster Gold Award for students aged over 16 and under 21 on 1 September 2009); 2 x Silver Awards (one similarly restricted by age); and 6 x Bronze Awards, 2 of which are reserved for students aged 16 – 20.*

The competition is open to all residents in Shropshire aged 16 years and over on 1 September 2010, and students from Shropshire in higher education in the U.K. Registration for entry should be submitted on the attached form to be submitted by 30 April 2010 (now extended to 31 May 2010). The work should be completed and submitted on Saturday 18 September 2010. The Awards Ceremony will be on Tuesday 21 September, followed by a public exhibition of all entries.

**Once you have submitted a Registration Form, further details will be sent to you in due course.**