

Pacific Northwest

# Quilt & Fiber Arts Museum

Imagine. Create. Inspire.

## WHAT IS A WEED?

**2023 LA CONNER IN BLOOM CHALLENGE**  
**EXHIBIT DATES MARCH 29-APRIL 30, 2023**

Each year we give you a theme to inspire a piece of fiber art to enter into our annual “La Conner in Bloom Challenge” in collaboration with the annual Skagit Valley Tulip Festival. This year we are challenging you to find inspiration in a quote from Ralph Waldo Emerson, “What is a weed? A weed is a plant whose virtues have not yet been discovered.” Although many of us may know the more common definition - a weed is any plant that is any place you don’t want it – we found Emerson’s philosophy on it much more inspiring. For more inspiration, read “On the Value of Weeds”, an online essay by Jeanette Leardi (<https://changingaging.org/culture-change/on-the-value-of-weeds/>) where she makes some thought-provoking comparisons of weeds to ageism.

### The Guidelines:

- Please keep the piece at or below 36”x 36” and add a 3” hanging sleeve where appropriate. Contact us before you begin if you are inspired to do a bigger piece so we can evaluate what we can accommodate.
- Contact us before March 15, 2023 if your piece will require specific exhibit props (mannequin, pedestal, etc.) in order for us to plan accordingly.
- Affix a permanent label on back of your work with title and your name
- Entries are due to the Museum between March 15-19, 2023.** Pieces can be hand-delivered or shipped (instructions on entry form). Shipping costs are the responsibility of the artist.
- Include an entry form with each piece submitted (on reverse or available online)
- While it has rarely been required, the Museum reserves the right to decline any entry for any reason (as example, lack of space, if too many entries are received.)

**All entries will be eligible for votes for “People’s Choice” and  
the winner will receive a \$50 gift certificate from our Gift Shop!**



LA CONNER IN BLOOM 2023 ENTRY FORM  
(PLEASE PRINT)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Entry: \_\_\_\_\_

How did this theme inspire your work?

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Materials/Techniques Used:

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Entry to be (select one):  Returned  Donated **If donating entry, please sign and date below.**

I agree to donate my entry to the Pacific Northwest Quilt & Fiber Arts Museum. I understand that my donation will be used through fundraising efforts or sales to generate revenue in support of the Museum.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Deadline: March 19, 2023.** Entries may be delivered in person or mailed to the Museum, along with this form.

**Pacific Northwest Quilt & Fiber Arts Museum**  
**U.S. Mail:** P.O. Box 1270, La Conner, WA 98257  
**UPS/Fed Ex:** 703 South Second Street, La Conner, WA 98257-1270

If any questions, call 360-466-4288. *Thank you for your entry and your support!*

