

IMPORTANT UPDATE

PPFA PRINT Competition Entry Deadline *EXTENDED* until Midnight EST August 31, 2020

Because of this unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic crisis, the PPFA International OPEN and PRINT Framing Competition has extended the initial Digital Qualifying Round deadline to August 31, 2020.

We know many of you are closed due to 'shelter in place' orders. While PPFA members in some areas have been able to remain open and others are beginning to re-open, some suppliers are closed and you may be unable to get materials to complete customer orders and Competition entries. By extending the deadline we are anticipating suppliers will open and start shipping very soon.

We value our PPFA members, their families, their staff, and their health—and we look forward to everyone being able to move ahead in coming months.

Other dates to be adjusted

Judging will now begin September 15, 2020
Top 50 Finalists will begin to be notified by November 1, 2020
Deadline for Finals entry remains December 15, 2020

Please contact Competition@ppfa.com with any questions

PPFA International Framing Competition PRINT 2020-21

"Devoted Thoughts about Dogs"

by Plee (Penny Tucker)
Sponsored by FrameTek

The 2020-21 PPFA Competition PRINT is a wonderful little handmade book titled *"Devoted Thoughts about Dogs"* by Plee (Penny Tucker) with a soft wrap-around leather cover of natural taupe--suede side out--a contrasting tie and small metal paw print charm used as a latch. The small book is 2-1/2" x 3" x 3/4" closed and latched, 7" x 3" x 2-1/4" open and laid flat. It consists of six hand stitched 10 page signatures and two decorative end papers for a total of sixty-two pages of adorable dog images and quotes from assorted people including Elizabeth Taylor and Charles De Gaulle. Photos and quotes are on warm ecru paper and each signature has translucent pages of white silk threaded mulberry and natural speckled kozo Asian accent papers.

This year's PPFA PRINT sponsor is FrameTek, developer and maker of FrameSpace & EconoSpace the industry standard in picture frame spacers.



It is a 3D object challenge and may be framed any way you feel it will be best presented: consider it open, closed, flat, slanted, vertical, horizontal, floated, hung, or versatile frame that may allow for book access.



Plus, you are not limited to a single book, but remember, the visual concentration is the book.

PPFA International Framing Competition PRINT qualification!

The PPFA International PRINT Competition is one of the most prestigious in the framing industry, and is generously sponsored by several vendors, including Tru Vue, Frank's Fabrics, FrameReady by Adsol, Frameraica, Frameware, Larson Juhl, Picture Framing Magazine and Vermont Hardwoods.

- **Digital Competition** OPEN online entry fee is \$35 **beginning April 1, 2020 with a closing deadline of midnight EST July 31, 2020**, paid through a link on the PPFA home page. Your receipt will be emailed to you. A complete packet of competition information sheets is available as a free download from the PPFA Online Store.
- All entrants must be current, fully paid PPFA members at the time of Digital Entry.
- There are new size, weight and electrical limitations listed in **Guidelines 2020-21**, listed under **Section 3.0**.
 - OPEN entries are limited to a maximum size of 50", width + height + depth prior to packaging, and a maximum shipping weight of 20 pounds, which shall be strictly enforced. A service fee of \$150.00 will be assessed for pieces over size/weight limitations.
 - Electrical needs should be supplied by self-contained batteries. Extension cord and electrical hook ups must be pre-approved ahead of time and will incur an additional display fee of \$150.00.
 - No freight or truck shipping allowed.
 - It is highly advised against the use of live plants and entrants will not be allowed to unpack or set up their own entry once shipped.
- Digital judging will begin **August 15, 2020**, by three Approved or Accredited Judges selected by the Competition Board.
- The **Top 50** finalists in OPEN will be notified beginning **October 15, 2020** to submit their \$75 entry fee at the Online Store to compete at the **International Framing Competition** finals, to be held during the PPFA Convention next January at the West Coast Art & Frame Expo in Las Vegas. **Deadline for Finals entry is December 15, 2020**. The International Entry Form and Shipping Directions will be emailed with your receipt.
- Finalists will ship or hand-deliver their entry to Las Vegas to be judged by a new set of three Approved or Accredited Judges.
- All **Top 50** finalists will be displayed at the West Coast Art & Frame Expo, where all in attendance may vote for Popular Choice.

We look forward to many unique and creative PRINT entries!

Contact the Competition Board at competition@ppfa.com with additional questions.