

The Exemplary 2024 Challenge

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Is there a woman whom you admire?

Do you have a relative, friend, or teacher—past or present—who impressed you? Maybe there is a woman in literature, sports, or in science, who sticks in your memory.

In the past ten years, we have experimented using only line, only shape, only one color, and recently we tried the challenge of texture. This time, the Challenge is about women. We are honoring women in our lives because March is Women's History Month and the month we celebrate International Women's Day—and that includes all of the women here. Thanks to Gail Sirna for the suggestion.

- The woman that you honor can be real or fictional, past or present, in the arts, from science, from sports, or maybe just a wonderful, helpful cousin or neighbor—*someone who affected you in some way.*
- You may do a portrait, or “essence of the person”, a memory.
- Your *stitched* design can be real, collage, posterized, or abstract.
- Size to fit up to a 12” x 16” frame, in any technique. If two-dimensional, mat and frame with screw eyes and braided wire, ready to hang. Please, no sawtooth hangers.
- Any other technique should be finished appropriately for proper display of that subject.
- Artist Statement. Do not forget your Artist Statement describing what inspired you about this woman and how you developed your portrait or portrayal of her.
- *Possible inspirations?* Mother Teresa, Sally Ride, First Ladies, an Olympic star, your grandmother.



NAN PERMANENT COLLECTION

NAN has a Permanent Collection of contemporary (in the sense of this current time) needlework which is housed at the Gregg Museum of Art & Design at North Carolina State University in Raleigh, North Carolina. This is an ongoing and growing collection which began when NAN was part of the Valentine Museum in Richmond, VA.

- Go to the museum website <https://gregg.arts.ncsu.edu/> and click on *Collections*.
- Select *Search Our Online Catalog*. In the Collections Search box type “NAN Collection” and then press the *Search* button.
- A tabular display of works in the collection will appear along with information about each piece. Click on the small images to see a larger picture of each piece.