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Carrol Green enjoys "needling" her time away in the sunroom while watching life go by on the Bay of Quinte.

She literally spends a couple hours a day creating beautiful artwork with needle and thread.

"I like to make my own clothing and then look at it and come up with an idea of how I can improve it with some form of embroidery. And then with threaded needle, I start that journey," said the "somewhere over 50" Green who lives with her husband in their bungalow on the shores of the bay in Tyendinaga Mohawk Territory.

And what she ends up is a "one-of-a-kind garment that I am proud to wear."

As president of the Quinte Needlearts Guild, she has another good reason to feel proud these days.

Threadworks, a major juried exhibition of needlearts held in Ontario every three years, has not only accepted her guild's entry for its provincial tour but also presented it with the Outstanding Group Entry Award. The show is on tour for the next year and a-half years, including a stop at the Belleville Public Library in June of 2006.

"This is the first time that our guild has done anything like this. To be accepted is quite an honour and to win an award is an even greater honour," said Green sporting a wide smile.

"This has been truly a highlight of my first year as guild president and all of our members are so proud of this endeavour. Winning speaks well for the talents of our group and now others across Ontario will get to see that."

The exhibition is sponsored by the Ontario Network of Needleworkers,

Wellington County Museum and the Guelph Arts Council. The exhibition theme is The Garden Party and will showcase 60 submissions from around the province.

About half the Quinte guild's 30 members worked on the project this past spring "while the others supported us with their enthusiasm," said Green.

They made a Boston head of lettuce from fabric which they painted green and then stitched 30 colourful bugs like ladybugs, bumble bees, butterflies, corked worms, snails and dragonflies. The bugs were then sewn onto the lettuce to create their end product aptly called the "Boston Tea Party."