



The American Tapestry Alliance (ATA) was founded in 1982 to promote an awareness of and an appreciation for tapestries designed and woven by individual artists and to provide a networking system between tapestry artists. It is the hope of ATA that this special award will promote a desire in individual artists to strive for excellence in the designing and weaving of tapestries.

Tapestry is defined as a handwoven, weft-faced fabric woven with discontinuous wefts. The warps are the vertical threads on a loom that provide the structure onto which the weaving takes place. The wefts are the threads that provide the face of the tapestry.

In keeping with this definition of tapestry and in recognition of the excellence in execution demonstrated in this particular piece, it is my pleasure, on behalf of the American Tapestry Alliance, to present the ATA Award to \_\_\_\_\_, who will receive a one-year membership in ATA, a color catalog of one of the exhibitions sponsored by ATA, and an award ribbon. In addition, an article and a photo of the winning tapestry will be featured in *Tapestry Topics*, the quarterly newsletter of the American Tapestry Alliance.

Congratulations!