

ANATOLIAN ARTISANS 2014 DESIGN COMPETITION

FINALISTS

Congratulations to finalists of the first AnArt design competition!

The top four winners were selected from among 14 semi-finalists.
And the winners are:

First Prize : DENIZ KARGI – Collection DROPS OF TULIP

Second Prize: KIVANC BULU – Collections CAPE T DIEM,

**Third Prize : ALPER OKCU – Collections KARANFIL,
BAHAR**

Special Mention: JUDITH F. SZEKI - Collection READY TO RIDE

“From Traditional to Contemporary” design competition was created by the Anatolian Artisans (AnArt) and run by internationally renowned fiber artist and designer Dr. Suhandan Ozay.

AnArt’s partners in Turkey for this competition was Alacati Sanat Dostlari founded by a group of artists and based in the charming resort of Alacati near historic Ephesus.

The competition aimed to provide support and visibility to young talents. The award will be an important milestone at the start of their careers as fashion designers and will attract the eyes of design industry worldwide.

Some of the requirements were to combine traditional Turkish motifs in their contemporary designs and create a collection complete with accessories that are trendy and sustainable. Total of 51 young designers took part in the competition with 170 designs.

The international Jury was composed of both Academic and Professional participants;

YILDIZ YAGCI : President of AnArt – Washington DC

Dr. SUHANDAN OZAY DEMIRKAN : Fiber Artist/Designer/Director of AnArt Design Competition - IZMIR

GONUL PAKSOY : Fashion designer/ Mimar Sinan University - ISTANBUL

CHRISTINE MARTENS : Central Asian Textile Researcher/Writer – NEW YORK

SARA BENGUR : Designer/Owner of Sara Bengur Designs – NEW YORK

LALEHAN UYSAL : Graphic Designer/Brand Consultant/Yeditepe Universitesi