

WISCONSIN RIVER WOODCARVERS, INC.

JUDGING GUIDELINES 2021

We have chosen the following guidelines for our woodcarving show. A carver can enter any classification, but from then on work **cannot** be entered in a lower classification.

CLASSIFICATIONS ARE:

YOUTH CLASS:

YOUTH 1 (age 14 and under) YOUTH 2 (age 15- 17) .

There will be no categories in the “Youth” classes. Judges can give out more than one “Blue” ribbon in an age classification if the judges deem that the carving warrants a “Blue” ribbon.

NOVICE CLASS:

For carvers that have not won (6) blue ribbons in any competition or a **BEST OF SHOW** ribbon in any competition.

INTERMEDIATE CLASS:

For the more experienced carver who has developed his/her art beyond the novice level, but is not considered a professional. Any carver having won (6) Blue Ribbons or **BEST OF SHOW** as a novice in any competition in the U.S. **MUST MOVE UP TO THE INTERMEDIATE CLASS.**

ADVANCED CLASS:

Any carver that has won (6) blue ribbons in intermediate class or **BEST OF SHOW** in intermediate class, or **OVERALL BEST OF SHOW** **MUST COMPETE IN THIS CLASS.**

Competition Categories

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| 01 Realistic Human | 02 Human Caricatures | 03 Animal Caricatures |
| 04 Caricature Group (2 or more) | 05 Realistic Animals | 06 Realistic Fish |
| 07 Realistic Fish Group (2 or More) | | 08 Game Birds |
| 09 Song Birds | 10 Waterfowl | 11 Birds of Prey |
| 12 All Other Birds | 13 Chip Carving in the Round | 14 Chip Carving / Flat |
| 15 Relief Carving / Low/ Natural Finish | | |
| 16 Relief Carving / Low / Colored Finish | | |
| 17 Relief Carving / Deep / Natural Finish | | |
| 18 Relief Carving / Deep / Colored Finish | | |
| 19 Pyrography / Natural Finish | 20 Pyrography / Colored Finish | 21 Santa(s) |
| 22 Religious / Angels | 23 Mythical (Tolls etc) | 24 Jewelry (Wooden) |
| 25 Walking Sticks / Canes | 26 Floral | 27 Miniatures (3” or less) |
| 28 Miscellaneous (Including but not limited to Golf Balls and Intarsia) | | |
| 29 Bark Carving (any subject) | 30 Unusual Wood (Driftwood, Logs, Beams, & Cypress Knees) | |
| 31 Gourds | | |
| 32 Treenware (Including but not limited to spoons, bowls, & mugs) | | |
| 33 Ornaments | 34 Decoys | 35 Stylized |
| 36 Instructor Assisted (Advanced Class only) | | |

GENERAL INFORMATION RULES.

- Judges may override the choice of category. Judges may also move a piece into a different category if there is only one entry. Judges decisions are final.
- In 2021 we will use the point system for the Novice class only. Points will determine “First, Second’ & Third “place in each Novice category. The Intermediate and Advanced classes will be determined by the judges.
- Judges are encouraged to use “Honorable Mention” ribbons if they feel a carving deserves it.
- You must rent a table and display at the Show to enter into competition. Tables may be shared, but in order to enter judging, both entrants must pay the full table fee. Exception – carving clubs.
- All carvings entered for judging, must have the date and carvers name permanently marked on the carving.
- This is a woodcarving show and we ask that a minimum of 60% of your table be devoted to woodcarvings.
- This is a woodcarving competition. Other materials may be used providing it does not become a major part of the carving. Example: glass eyes, metal for stiffeners, and armatures..
- Table Space rental entitles you to enter up to six (6) carvings into competition. Additional carvings are \$5.00 each.
- Two carvings per category may be entered.
- All carvings entered for judging must have been completed after March 15, 2019.
- **No one is allowed past the registration table other than show committee personal.**
- All carvings must be entered for judging before 8:45 A.M. Saturday. Judging to follow immediately.
- Youth class will be allowed only 4 carvings (per youth) upon which all will be entered into one general category.
- After the initial judging is complete, the judges will pick the “Best of Show” in the classes from the “Blue” ribbon winners. Each judge is asked to pick his or her “Judge’s Choice”. When that is complete both judges will determine the “Overall Best of Show”.
- Starting in 2018 we have added an “Instructor Assisted” category in the Advanced class only.
- Ribbons from previous years or other shows may not be displayed.
- Exhibitors must furnish their own table covers and floor length table skirts.
- Please observe show hours. No packing up before 4:00 PM.
- If you sell carvings, you are responsible for collecting sales tax.