

Important Changes regarding the upcoming 2017 Carving Competition

March 31 Carving Competition Registration begins

This is New... In 2017 the Competition will be conducted before the Seminars. Also to help speed the process, individual carvings will now be accepted for entry into the completion beginning Friday, March 31, 2017 beginning at 1 pm. This is the day before the competition begins. Registration on Friday will end at 5 pm. For those who are unable to register on Friday, Saturday Registration will start at 7 am and end by 9 am when the Judging will begin.

Look for the Show Packet on the TWG Website. You will find entry forms that you must fill out and include with your carving entry. Print out one entry form for each carving entered into competition. The packet also includes an overview of the Show Process and the Tax and Liability Form you must sign and turn in during registration.

As in the past, we will award 1st through 3rd place pins for Novice, Intermediate and Open Category Winners, but also **new this year is an increase in our cash awards for major show winners** (e.g. Best of Show, Best of Intermediate, etc.). See Show Rules for details.

To demonstrate and encourage the art of woodcarving two new Carving Club Awards have been added (see below). Our carving clubs have immense talent. We are hoping this competition will showcase this talent and encourage more club participation. This competition is limited to carving clubs only.

(1) A cash prize of **\$100** will be awarded to the TWG member club whose members submit the most carvings into the individual category completion. All carvings entered as a club entry will count towards this award.

(2) A competition is established to display the **overall carving talent contained within an individual club.** Imaginative and skillful carvers display their work each year in the Guild's individual carving competition. Club talent is also observed and admired when viewing the individual wood carvings displayed on show tables. Thus a new category is established to present individual club's overall imagination and skill. A carving theme will be declared by TWG (see below for 2017 theme). Each club will interpret the theme and determine how to best represent it with an array of carvings and a display. Only club members may participate in the club's entry. A plaque and a cash prize of **\$250** will be awarded to the winning club that has the best representation of the TWG theme. The winning carving display will be donated to the TWG to use as they see fit to promote and encourage the art of wood carving. More details are contained in the State Championship Rules.

The Club Theme for 2017 is "A Western Town".

The TWG website contains the Show Competition Rules and all the details such as categories and awards.

Carving completion Judges for 2017 are Pat Moore and John Engler. Bios are on the TWG website

If you have questions, need more clarification or want to discuss contact Jon Zubkus 512-793-2501.