

2026 Show Packet

Process for Registration, Judging and Award Presentation

As stated in the Texas Championship Show Rules, carvings will be judged according to expertise level and category. Youth are carvers 12 years or younger. Junior are carvers between ages 13 and 17. One who is over 17 must enter into an adult expertise level. There are three adult levels, Novice, Intermediate and Open. Categories have been designated for each of the three levels. Show Rules list competition categories. They are also listed below. Categories also have a designation number to represent the competition level and category. The categories numbered in the 100 series are for Novice, 200 series are Intermediate and 300 & 400 series are for the Open Level as shown below:

There is a limit of 2 carvings per individual entrant per category.

Registration

An Entry Form is required for all carvings entered into Show Competition. Forms are available on the TWG website and at the Hill Country Youth Event Center. Print and fill out Form and present the form and your member badge **(provided at the Registration Desk)** with the carving/carvings when you or your appointed Member bring your entry up to the Competition Entry Table. This will help speed up the process. The Competition Entry Table will begin taking entries at 1 PM Friday April 17, 2026, at the Hill Country Youth Event Center. Friday Registration begins at 1 PM and will end at 5 PM. We will have 3 lines open, 1 for each adult level, Youth and Junior should register in the Novice Line. For those who could not bring their entry in on Friday, a short period of registration will be available on Saturday April 18, 2026, from 7 AM to 9 AM. Judging will begin at 9AM starting with Club and Exhibitors Tables.

Some Members may be unable to attend the Show but would still like to register their carvings in the competition. The Guild will allow those carvings to be entered by another Guild Member who is willing to bring their carvings in for competition. The absent Member is still required to pay Membership dues and the Event registration fee. In addition, every entry will have a \$5.00 entry fee. The Member bringing absent Member's carvings in to register must pick up the badge of the absent Member at the Registration Desk before entering the competition. The badge must be presented at the Competition Entry Table and the name on the badge must match the name on the entry form for the carving to be properly registered. Please contact Show Chair for more information-Robert Rangel 210-669-3181

If your name is on the carving, please cover it with blue painter's tape or something else suitable before you bring it up to be registered.

Registrar will assign an identification number to the carving and enter on the form and place a sticker on the carving with the same number. The identification number (ID) assigned during Registration is unique to the entrant. The Judges will use the ID when determining and assigning awards. The form remains with the Registrar after registration.

Once a carving has been registered, it will be passed to the holding area to be judged and its category cannot be changed unless the Show Chair or Judges deem it necessary.

Judging

Judges for 2026 are Roger Stegal and George Vaughn. Bios are located on the TWG Website.

Once Registration is closed, the Judges will undertake evaluation of carvings by Category. Carvings will be judged on their merit and the Judge will select a 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place winner for each category.

Once a Competition Levels (Novice, Intermediate, Open) have been completely judged, carvings will be evaluated for Merit Awards and Best of Level. When all Competition Levels have been judged, a carving will be selected for Best of Show.

All carvings entered will be placed on the competition table until the end of the Show.

The Judge will determine and award the following:

- Novice – 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place in each category, one Merit Award, Best of Novice
- Intermediate – 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place in each category, Two Merit Awards, Best of Intermediate
- Best of Show Runner-up
- Best of Show
- Best Exhibitor's Table
- Best Club Table

The People's Choice is a special competition during the second day of the Show. Attendees of the Show vote to determine the winner of the People's Choice Award. Refer to the State Championship Rules

Photography

As a carving Category completes evaluation, the first-place winners, Merit and Best of Show selections will be moved to the Photography Table for pictures.

Merit winners and "Best of" winners will be displayed on a special arrangement.

Categories

An entrant may compete in any level more advanced than the one required but not in 2. For example: An intermediate carver may compete in Open Level but not in both levels. However, if entrant is required to compete in Open Level, participation in the Intermediate Level or Novice Level is not permitted.

YOUTH: Defined as carvers 12 years or younger. Categories will be determined based on carvings entered.

JUNIOR: Defined as carvers between the ages of 13 and 17. Categories will be determined based on carvings entered.

The following Levels are for carvers over the age of 17

NOVICE: Defined as a carver who has been carving less than two years. Class projects and rough outs are permitted; however, originality will be considered by the judges.

INTERMEDIATE: Defined as a carver who is not a novice and has not won five (5) first place awards in this competition level. Also, a carver cannot enter this level of competition if they previously have won Best of Intermediate. Intermediate Instructor Assisted pieces, as defined in Section E of this document, are permitted only in category 280. Carvings from rough outs are permitted and originality will be considered by the judge(s)

OPEN: Anyone may enter this level of competition.

Instructor Assisted pieces, as defined in Section E of this document, are permitted only in category 375 and are not eligible for Best of Categories or Merit awards.

ROUGH OUTS permitted only in category 380.

Novice

- 100 – Caricature, human & animal
- 105 – Animals, realistic
- 110 – Realistic, human
- 115 – Birds
- 120 – Aquatic
- 125 – Relief
- 130 – Chip Carving
- 135 – Pyrography
- 140 – Santa & Mythical
- 145 – Plants & Flowers
- 150 – Canes & Walking Sticks
- 155 – Other

Intermediate

- 200 – Caricature, human & animal
- 205 – Animals, realistic
- 210 – Realistic, human
- 215 – Birds
- 220 – Aquatic
- 225 – Relief
- 230 – Chip Carving
- 235 – Ornamental (**carved boxes etc.**)
- 240 – Santa & Mythical
- 245 – Religious
- 247 – Ornaments
- 250 – Miniature
- 255 – Pyrography
- 260 – Plants and Flowers
- 265 – Canes & Walking Sticks
- 270 – Woodturning that is carved
- 275 – Other
- 280 – Instructor Assisted, Online or In Person (Not eligible for Best of Categories or Merit Awards)
- 295 – Found Wood (including bark)

Open

- 300 – Caricature, human & animal
- 305 – Animals, realistic
- 310 – Realistic, human
- 315 – Birds
- 320 – Aquatic
- 325 – Relief
- 330 – Chip Carving
- 335 – Ornamental (**carved boxes etc.**)
- 340 – Santa
- 342 – Mythical
- 345 – Religious
- 347 – Ornaments
- 350 – Miniature
- 355 – Pyrography
- 360 – Plants and Flowers
- 365 – Canes & Walking Sticks

370 – Woodturning that is carved
375 – Instructor Assisted, Online or in Person (Not eligible for Best of Categories or Merit Awards)
380 – Rough out
385 – Stylized
390 – Doll
395 – Found Wood (including bark)
400 – Gourds
405 – Other
406 – Basket Weave Illusion
407 – Jack Price

Awards

After all judging and all photos are taken, awards will be presented by Level and Category, beginning with Youth.

The Following Awards will be presented:

Youth – 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place Ribbons/Pins

Junior – 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place Ribbons/Pins

Novice – 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place Ribbons/Pins, Reed Hubbell Merit Award & Best of Novice – Plaques

Intermediate – 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place Ribbons/Pins, Two Merit Awards & Best of Intermediate – Plaques (Merit Awards in honor of Paula Devereaux, Buddy Cabe)

Open – 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place Ribbons/Pins, Three Merit Awards - Plaques

(Merit Awards in honor of Bill Bryant and Jack Price)

Best of Novice – Plaque & \$100

Best of Intermediate – Plaque & \$200

Best of Show Runner-up – Plaque & \$300

Les Visor Grand Champion Award (Best of Show) - Plaque & \$400

People's Choice Award – Plaque & \$50

Best Exhibit Table – Traveling Plaque, Plaque

Best Club Table – Traveling Plaque

As a recipient receives the award, pictures will be taken for the Guild to record and publish.

ENTRY FORMS CAN BE FOUND AT THE ENTRY TABLE

Texas Woodcarvers Guild Sales Tax and Liability Release

(PLEASE FILL OUT AND RETURN TO SHOW CHAIRMAN)

Name_____

YOUR SIGNATURE ON ANY ENTRY FORM IS YOUR AGREEMENT TO TWG SHOW RULES AND THAT YOU WILL NOT HOLD TWG, IT'S OFFICERS, BOARD OF DIRECTORS, TWG MEMBERS OR HILL COUNTRY YOUTH EVENT CENTER OR ITS EMPLOYEES RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY LOSS, DAMAGE, OR INJURY DURING THE TEXAS WOODCARVERS GUILD'S TEXAS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW.

You also agree that you will collect, report and pay any SALES TAX as required by the State of Texas

Signature_____
