

New England Woodcarvers
2020 Spirit of Wood
Virtual Competition Rules

The New England Woodcarvers (NEWC) annual Spirit of Wood Show and Competition for 2020 is a virtual show and competition. Please carefully note the eligibility, registration and judging rules as described below.

Eligibility

This is an open competition and everyone is eligible to enter.

Entry Fees

1. NEWC members - \$11 for the first item; each additional item is \$5.
2. Non-NEWC members - \$16 for the first item; each additional item is \$5.
3. Online payment will be required. Method is noted on the website.

Entry Levels

Entry levels have been collapsed to facilitate judging of virtual entries: Beginner/Intermediate; Open and Master.

Carvings

1. Carvings should not have been entered in a prior competition but may be entered into the next NEWC regular competition. Please enter at your usual level or one level above.
2. A total of six carvings with up to three photographs of each carving may be entered (see photography guidelines).
3. No names or marks may be visible in the photos that could identify the carver.

Registration

1. All carvings to be judged must be entered between October 1, 2020 and October 25, 2020.
2. Registration ceases precisely at midnight eastern standard time on October 25, 2020.
3. Registration forms can be found at (insert hyperlink) and must be completed and submitted online. No emailed or mailed registration forms will be accepted.

Judging/Judging Criteria

1. The judges' determination will be final and not subject to review.

2. Judges will award virtual ribbons for first, second and third place in each category as appropriate. Virtual awards will also be given for Best in Show and President's Choice. We will host a People's Choice contest in the weeks following the virtual show.
3. Judging will begin immediately following the close of registration on October 25, 2020 and will be completed no later than midnight on October 31, 2020.
4. Winners will be announced and posted on the NEWC website by the close of day on November 1, 2020.
5. Judges will base their decisions on the following criteria:
 - a. Craftsmanship – technical skills involved, painting and finishing
 - b. Accuracy – when appropriate, the correctness of the piece from a technical perspective
 - c. Artistry – design and composition; line, form, content, color and movement; story
 - d. Originality

Liability

NEWC, its officers, show chairperson and assistants cannot be held responsible for any loss, late or misplaced entries, fees or information. NEWC, its officers, show chairperson and assistants cannot be held responsible for loss of any payments processed by the online service.

Use of Photographs

1. All photographs of competition entries remain posted on the NEWC website at the discretion of the show committee.
2. Permission for use by NEWC of registered entry photographs remains implicit for show publicity and marketing. Right of ownership of each entrant's photographs remains with the entrant and/or photographer.

Problems, Issues and Complaints

Any problem, issue or complaint must be filed in writing with the show chairperson whose decision/resolution shall be final.

Propriety

All competitors are asked to exercise good judgement when deciding which carvings to enter in this family-oriented competition. The decision to post photographs of entries deemed inappropriate for the NEWC website is left to the discretion of the webmaster.