

Southwest Woodcarvers Association
People's Choice Show Organization and Entry Guidance

Show Organization:

1. An overall **Show Chairperson(s)** will coordinate all the general aspects of the show activity such as sales tables, demonstrations, and public relations in addition to the presentation of entered carvings into the judged segment of the show.
2. Carvers participating in the Show must be a member in good standing of SWA or a member in good standing with an affiliated organization formally invited by SWA to participate in the show.
3. Carvers may participate in the show such as having a display and sales table, participating in a demonstration, or assisting at large and need not enter a carving in the judged segment of the Show.
4. A **Show Table Coordinator** of the judged segment of the show will be responsible for the registration of show entries, placement and display of entries on tables in specific categories, public voting procedures, tabulating votes, and awarding ribbons. The coordinator can exercise individual discretion to properly place and display entries, count ballots, and through their vote decide any "ties" so that clear winners are identified.
5. The top three (3) carvings receiving the highest number of People's Choice Votes will be selected as first, second, and third place overall winners of the People's Choice Awards for the entire show and will be awarded ribbons accordingly. Individual ribbons (blue, red or white) are no longer being awarded by category.

Specific People's Choice Show Entry Rules:

1. Carvings must have been completed within the previous two (2) years from the show date and can only be entered once.
2. A single carver may enter as many carvings in as many categories as they wish.
3. Entries may be a woodcraft item, a hand-carved craft or art item, a piece created by hand carving tools, or a piece created by power carving tools. Entries must be created by the member and demonstrate the art of creative woodworking and woodcarving.
4. The entry deadline is 8:45 AM on the day of the show.
5. Carvings must remain in the People's Choice Awards room until the show is officially closed.
6. Judging of entries by visitors and club members constitutes "People's Choice."
7. **Categories defined:** (A) Caricature carving*: Any carving of animals, birds, fish, and humans. (B) Decorative Carving: All aspects of chip carving, wood jewelry, wood burning, hand-carved non-wood items (C) Found wood or Woodcraft Creation: Driftwood, tree bark, tree knots, cypress knees, boles, natural wood carved walking sticks, and woodcraft item. (D) Holiday Carving*: Carvings representing recognized holidays. (E) Relief Carving: Shallow or deep carvings on a flat surface. (F) Realistic Carvings In-the-Round*: Any full or partial realistic figure carving of animals, birds, fish, and humans.
* Roughouts may be entered in Caricature, Holiday, and Realistic Carving categories only.

