

CATEGORY 35—SWAP

Any person entering a carving into the competition is eligible to enter a single carving into category 34. This category will not be divided into divisions or classification. The category will be judged and ribbons will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd. The 1st place winner can choose any carving, other than their own, from the remaining carvings. The 2nd place winner is next and then the 3rd place winner chooses a carving of their choice. From then on the order will be determined by a drawing amongst the remaining carvers. Everyone will get someone else's carving. The Show Committee reserves the right to not accept carvings that are clearly unequal to the quality of the average carving entered in the category.

CATEGORY 37

2023 IWCA Style Shore Bird Championship

New this year CVWC will be hosting the International Wildfowl Carving Association, IWCA Style Shore Bird Championship. Mail-ins will be accepted for this category **only**

Open to all Carvers.

Contestants must be IWCA current members or pay IWCA dues at time of registration

CATEGORY 38

2023 IWCA Young Guns Championship

Mail-ins will be accepted for this category **only**
Return Postage Required must be included. Must be received no later than Wednesday, Oct. 18, 2023

Mail to:

Steve Robertson
Attn: IWCA Style Shore Bird
Championship Klingspor's
Woodworking Shop
914 25th Street SE
Hickory, NC 28602

See rules at IWCA.COM

RAFFLE

There will be great carvings at the raffle for \$1 a ticket or 6 for \$5, etc. If any contestant attending the show would like to donate a small carving to our cause, we will gladly accept it. Just bring it to the show and give it to the folks at the raffle table during registration. The drawing will be about 2:30 PM on Saturday, 21st. You do not have to be present to win as long as your name and phone number are written on the ticket. Winners required to make arrangements to pick up their carving.

DIRECTIONS

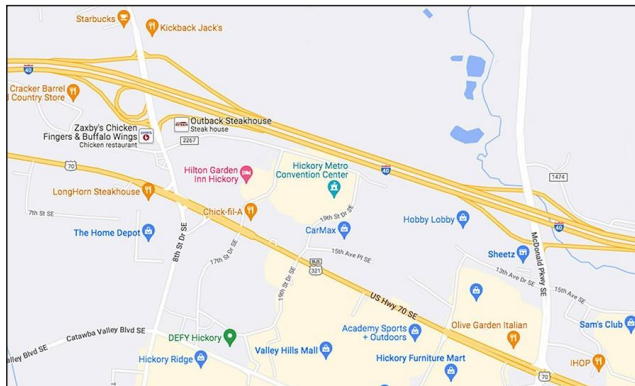
Interstate 40 to Hickory, NC

From Statesville:

Exit 125 to Lenoir Rhyne Blvd Turn left, stay in left lane, at 2nd red light turn left and follow service road to Hickory Metro Center

From Asheville:

Exit 125 to Lenoir Rhyne Blvd Turn right, immediately get in left lane, at 1st red light turn left and follow service road to Hickory Metro Center



SHOW PARKING

The Hickory Metro Center now has a parking deck. It is advisable that you plan on a way to haul your carving entries to our registration desk inside the Metro Convention Center.



20th Annual 2023 WOOD CARVING COMPETITION and EXHIBITION

www.catawbavalleywoodcarversclub.webs.com

SATURDAY OCTOBER 21 ST

Show Hours 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Hickory Metro Center, 1960 13th Ave Drive SE Hickory, NC



In Conjunction with



RULES FOR COMPETITION

- 1 Entry form must be completed for all entries.
- 2 Up to five carvings per category except cat 35.
- 3 **Entries must have been completed since 1/1/2021**
- 4 All entries must have been hand crafted by the person entering. Roughouts permitted only in the roughout category.
- 5 Molded feet and glass eyes are permitted. Use of plastic, fabric or metallic additions, or any other non-carved item is not permitted. Non-wood materials are permitted on the base or habitat, provided they are hand crafted.
- 6 The CVWC reserves the right to refuse any entry deemed to be "not good taste, or offensive".
- 7 Entries will be returned to the exhibitor at 4:00 p.m. on the day of the show.
- 8 Entries are submitted at the discretion and sole risk of the entrant. CVWC will not be financially responsible for loss or damage regardless of cause.
- 9 All entries must be hand delivered.
- 10 Final placement of the entry into the proper category is at the discretion of the show referees.
- 11 Decisions of the judges are final.
- 12 The artist's name shall be obscured with tape. However, you are encouraged to place name cards or business cards at your carvings after all judging is completed.
- 13 The Show Committee has the right to add, delete, or subdivide categories.
- 14 Realistic - Exactly proportioned carving in the round.
- 15 Stylized - Fully carved with careful deliberate, flowing, curved, and oval surfaces. Simplicity, beauty, and identification with minimal natural details. Realism is not the objective.
- 16 Caricature - imitation of a person or animal in which certain striking characteristics are exaggerated in order to create a comic or grotesque effect. Subject must be carved in the round.
- 17 Habitat is not a category subject. Subjects that do not qualify within any category is considered habitat. Example: a dragon fly and a fish in a scene. The dragonfly does not qualify the carving as a group since there is no insect category.
- 18 No CVWC blue ribbon carvings can compete unless the carving is entered in a higher division than previously entered.
- 19 Group carvings are any combination of carvings within a category. Must be mounted on a single base. For judging purposes, the dominant subject will determine the category in which the multi-subject group will be placed.
- 20 CVWC has final decision over any and all competition related questions and placement.

CATEGORIES

1. **Show Theme** - "Spooktacular"
2. **Caricature up to 8"** - (Excluding base) From bottom of feet to top of head. Single subject.
3. **Caricature over 8"** - (Excluding base) From bottom of feet to top of head. Single subject.
4. **Animal Caricature** - Any single subject or size.
5. **Caricature Group** - 2 or more subjects or any combination from categories 2 through 4. No roughouts permitted.
6. **Caricature Busts** - Any subject.

7. **Roughout** - Any subject(s), non-instructor assisted carving carved from a roughout.
8. **Bottle Stoppers** - Any subject, must be affixed with a cork and displayed in a bottle.
9. **Ornaments** - Any subject, must be hanging on a stand that is made or purchased.
10. **Santa's** - Full bodied, caricature or realistic, any style.
11. **Wood Spirits** - Human like faces carved on the surface of bark, limb, or knot, etc.
12. **Human Figure** - Realistic, proportioned, man, woman or child. Single or Group.
13. **Human Busts** - Realistic, proportioned head and partial shoulder of man, woman, or child.
14. **Mythical/Fantasy** - Any genre of myths, folktales, or imaginative fiction.
15. **Songbirds** - Realistic - e.g. Robin, Wren, Woodpecker, etc.
16. **Ducks** - Realistic - e.g. All Ducks, Geese, Swan, etc.
17. **Gunning Decoy** - Contemporary and "Antique Style" judged in hand.
18. **Birds of Prey** - Realistic - e.g. Hawk, Owl, Falcons, Eagles, etc.
19. **Game Birds** - Realistic - e.g. Dove, Turkey, Quail, etc.
20. **Sea/ Shorebirds** - Realistic - Tern, Pelican, Gulls, Plovers, etc.
21. **Feathered Groups** - 2 or more subjects or any combination of categories 15-20.
22. **Animals** - Realistic, proportioned, e.g. Deer, Rabbits, Dogs, Buffalo, (includes reptiles) etc.
23. **Aquatic Animals** - Realistic, proportioned, e.g. Fish, Sea Mammals, etc.
24. **Animal Group** - 2 or more subjects or any combination from categories 22 through 23.
25. **Carved Found Wood** - Wood found in its natural habitat e.g. driftwood, roots, limbs, stumps, knots, etc.
26. **Stylized** - Any subject that retains identity with minimal detail.
27. **Cottonwood Bark** - Any carving made exclusively from cottonwood bark (excludes base).
28. **Walking Sticks/ Canes** - Any style, any subject.
29. **Cypress Knee** - Complete knee, any subject, any size. No inserts, attached or glued are allowed.
30. **Chip Carving** - Precise, regular, triangular, or wedge shaped chips of wood to form engraved patterns.
31. **Relief Carving** - Dimensional images carved in the front of flat surface or background.
32. **Pyrography** - Uncarved art created with burning tools on wood or paper.
33. **Miniature** - Any style, any subject. Carving (including base) must fit inside a 2 inch cube.
34. **Miscellaneous** - Wood carvings not listed in any other category.
35. **Swap** - Any style, size, or subject, painted or natural.
36. **Youth** - This category has been added to encourage young carvers to expand their skills by participating in organized competition at a level appropriate for their age group. Age groups are: 11 and under, 12 to 14, and 15 to 17. There will be no entry fee for youth contestants. **(This Category only).**
37. **IWCA Style Shore Bird Championship**. Rules can be found at IWCA.COM. Mail-ins must be received no later than Wednesday October 18.

38. **IWCA Young Guns Championship Rules** can be found at IWCA.COM. Mail-ins must be received no later than Wednesday October 18.

CLASSIFICATIONS

Please Note: Categories 15, 16, 18, 19, and 20 may be divided into Local and IWCA. IWCA Decorative Live Size Non-floating rules apply along with advancement points awarded for novice and intermediate. Must be IWCA member for IWCA categories. Rules at IWCA.COM

Every category except 1, 34, 35 and IWCA categories will be divided as:

PAINTED - Any entry where pigmented finish is applied to the wood grain. Paint or washes on any surface designates the carving as painted, eg, stain or paint on the bill of a duck will be judged as "painted"

NATURAL - Any entry which is uniform in natural wood grain, Non-pigmented clear coats, or sealants are allowed.

COMPETITION DIVISIONS

You cannot enter a division lower than the highest one you previously entered in a competition.

NOVICE - Open to carvers who have been carving for less than five years and have not won Best of Novice,

Best of Intermediate, or Best of Open at any carving competition. A carver who has won Best of Novice at any carving competition must enter carving(s) in the INTERMEDIATE or OPEN division.

INTERMEDIATE - Open to carvers who have not won Best of Intermediate or Best of Open at any carving competition. A carver who has won Best of Intermediate at any carving competition must enter carving(s) in the Open division.

OPEN - Open to carvers who want to compete at the highest level at this competition.

ENTRY INFORMATION

Set up and Registration:

Friday, October 20 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Saturday, October 21 7:00 AM - 8:45 AM

Judging begins at 9 a.m. Saturday

NO ENTRIES ACCEPTED AFTER 8:45 AM ON SATURDAY • NO MAILED IN ENTRY FORMS OR ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED

Entry Fee is **\$20** per carver

Payable to CVWC at time of registration. Check or cash only.

Youth Category 36 will not be charged an entry fee unless carvings are entered into other categories'

Please complete entry form prior to registration.

AWARDS

First, Second, Third, and Honorable Mention ribbons will be awarded in each category.

Best of Novice:

1st \$75, 2nd \$50, 3rd \$25

Best of Intermediate:

1st \$125, 2nd \$100, 3rd \$75

Best of Open:

1st \$350, 2nd \$250, 3rd \$150

Special Prize Sponsored By



Best of Show \$500

Best of Show Theme (category 1)

Best of Open \$75

Best of Intermediate - \$50

Best of Novice \$25

Best of IWCA Style Shore Bird Championship:

1st \$300, 2nd \$200, 3rd \$100

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