

SPACE COAST WOODCARVERS 2025 ANNUAL WOODCARVING COMPETITION

WHEN – Saturday, January 25, 2025

WHERE – Eau Gallie Civic Center – 1551 Highland Avenue, Melbourne, FL 32935

TIME – Doors open at 7:00 a.m. for set up. Show is open to the public from
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

COST FOR SPECTATORS: \$5/each (children under 12 free)

COST FOR COMPETITORS: \$5/entry

COST FOR COMPETITOR DISPLAY TABLE: \$25

PARTICIPATION – The competition is open to all carvers.

AWARDS – Carvers will be recognized and presented award ribbons for their carving skill attainment level, the artistic quality of their carvings, and the uniqueness of their subject matter or presentation. Award ribbons will be presented for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each Category. A Best of Show Award will be made by the judges. A Carver's Choice award will be presented, after a vote by all competitors attending the show. A People's Choice award will be presented, after a vote by all spectators (carvers are not allowed to vote for People's Choice).

JUDGES – Two or three judges will be used for the judging, none of whom can be a club member. At least one judge must be a carver with a minimum of 5 years experience. Other judges utilized shall be experienced wood carvers or persons who are experienced artists. In the event only an even number of judges are available, and if they cannot agree on a particular award, the Club President shall make the final decision as to that award.

JUDGING CRITERIA – The following judging criteria shall be utilized by the judges in arriving at their decision as to each carving award:

1. Originality and Complexity
2. Execution and Workmanship
3. Anatomy (exception - caricatures)
4. Finish, natural, stained or painted
5. Presentation – including bases, habitat and eye appeal

AWARD SKILL LEVELS AND CATEGORIES -

SKILL LEVELS:

I. NOVICE: All entrants will compete as a group, and a 1st, 2nd and 3rd place ribbon will be awarded for each category. This Skill Level provides the opportunity for all carvers who are new to carving, or who are venturing into an area of carving new to them, to compete with other carvers having an approximate similar skill level.

II. INTERMEDIATE: All entrants will compete as a group, and a 1st, 2nd and 3rd place ribbon will be awarded for each category. This Skill Level provides the opportunity for all carvers who have advanced beyond the Novice Skill Level to compete with other carvers having an approximate similar skill level.

III. ADVANCED: – All entrants will compete as a group, and a 1st, 2nd and 3rd place ribbon will be awarded for each category. The purpose of this Skill Level is to recognize carvers who have attained a high level of skill and to offer them a challenge by competing against other highly skilled carvers.

SKILL LEVEL/CATEGORY REQUIREMENTS: Once a Best of Show Award has been received, or if you earn a blue ribbon in your current Skill Level and Category, you must automatically move to the next Skill Level. You have the option to move up to the next Skill Level at your own discretion, except for the Advanced Level. Judges also reserve the right to relocate an entry to a different Skill Level or Category.

CATEGORIES:

1. BIRDS OF PREY
2. BIRDS – OTHER (song birds, waterfowl, game birds)
3. CARICATURE (human & animal)
4. REALISTIC ANIMALS (fish, mammals, amphibians, etc.)
5. SCULPTURE & ABSTRACTS
6. CANES & WALKING STICKS
7. BARK CARVING
8. RELIEF CARVING (chip carving, burning, etc.)
9. TURNING

GENERAL CONTEST RULES:

1. A piece submitted, which won a blue ribbon in this competition previously, may not be submitted in this competition again.
2. Competitors will initially determine into which category to submit their carvings. If there is any question as to which category is most appropriate, the chairperson of the Woodcarving Competition Committee will make the final decision as to the appropriate category.
3. Each entry will be accompanied by a designated form, containing the Carver's name, the Skill Level, Category and a short description of the carving. If the carver's name or initials appear on the carving submitted into competition, the name or initial will be covered by tape, or by other means, so that the name or initials will not be able to be seen by the judges. Failure to comply with this rule shall disqualify a piece submitted from receiving an award.
4. The show ends at 3 p.m. No carver's table will be broken down prior to 3 p.m.