

WoodArt Competition

Grand Valley Woodcarvers welcome all artists of wood-based art to our 2025 carving and WoodArt Competition. Our volunteer personnel are from Tri-County Carvers, Guelph Carving Club and the Marquetry Society of Canada volunteers.

Competition Categories

1. **JUNIOR:** Competitors 12 yrs. old and under.
2. **YOUTH:** Competitors 13 – 17 yrs. old.

NOTE: There is no entry fee charged for Junior & Youth levels. Any style carving and/or pyrography subject can be entered, including birds. Each of these two levels will be judged independently of all other skill levels. Ribbons will be awarded.

Categories with Three Skill Levels (Novice, Intermediate, Open)

Categories with maximum 3 Skill Levels

3. **NOVICE:** A competitor who has never previously received a First Place Ribbon in any Competition.
4. **INTERMEDIATE:** A competitor who has won **3** First Place Ribbons in any competition's Novice or Single Level. Artist has the choice to forgo Novice entry to Intermediate level.
5. **OPEN:** A competitor who has won **3** First Place Ribbons in any competition's Intermediate Level **or** Best of Class in any Competition's Intermediate Level. Artist has the choice to forgo Intermediate entry to go to Open level.

- 1) **Carving in the Round – Human:** Any human figure(s) carved in the round.
- 2) **Carving in the Round – Animal:** Any animal figure(s) (including fur bearing aquatic) carved in the round. (Including fur bearing aquatic.)
- 3) **Carving in the Round – Other:** Any carving in the round that does not fall into the above 2 categories or single level categories.
- 4) **Relief Carving:** Any subject carved in a high or low relief method.
- 5) **Caricature:** A carving which exaggerates or distorts some characteristic of a person or thing, usually in an amusing manner.
- 6) **Pyrography:** Burned designs or pictures on wood only.

Categories with maximum of Two Skill Levels (Novice, Open)

1. **NOVICE:** A competitor who has never previously received Three First Place Ribbons in any Competition.
2. **Open:** A competitor who has won **3** First Place Ribbons in any competition's Novice or Intermediate or Single Level. Artist has the choice to forgo Novice entry to Open level.

7) Marquetry and Parquetry

a) Portrait

b) Applied (Open only)

8) Intarsia

9) **Wood Art/carving Open (including Musical Instruments, furniture pieces, toys/gadgets or other (Some Metal fixtures allowed- tuning etc)), and including Soap Stone Carvings.**

Single Skill Level Categories

10) Chip Carving: Carvings in which knives are used to remove wood from a surface in a single chip method.

11) Cane: A carving on the handle or the body of a cane, walking stick or stave.

12) Fish & Aquatic Animals: Any carved fish(es) and/or water related animals (excluding fur bearing), amphibians, reptiles, etc. Note: (May be split to Fresh and Salt Water depending on entries)

13) Bark Carving: Any subject carved in tree bark.

14) Interpretive: Any subject carved in an abstract or stylized manner.

Rules and Regulations

Submissions **must** be made of **WOOD**. (Carvings may be painted or unpainted.)

Pyrography pieces may contain some colour but should not be used to such a degree as to obscure the pyrography itself. Translucent colour in which the pyro work shows clearly through may be used. Any opaque colouring can be used sparingly in conjunction with the pyro piece....but shall not be used to cover up the main body of work.

Eligibility of proposed submissions shall be at the discretion of the show committee at the time of submission. All carvings or pyrographic works must be **hand produced** by the **entrant**.

All submissions must have been **completed** within the 12 month period preceding the competition.

All entries must be submitted under one skill level only.

The entry fee shall be **\$12.00** for the first entry & **\$7.00** for each additional entry.

Each competitor will be issued **one** complimentary pass to the show.

Advance registration is recommended and registration forms and cheques (payable to the Grand Valley Wood Carvers) should be mailed to:

Grand Valley Woodcarvers
PO Box 25011
Shoppers Drug Mart Postal Outlet
Kitchener, ON N2A 4A5

RIM Park, Forbes Room (2001 University Ave., East, Waterloo ON)

Note: Although entries are happily accepted within the time frames above, we strongly urge you to submit your entries prior to noon on Friday when the show officially opens in order for the full viewing public to see your works.

No entries will be accepted once the judging has begun. The decision of the judges is final, and is at their discretion. Some prizes may not necessarily be awarded if the judges feel they are unwarranted.

All monetary awards for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners can be picked up **after 3:00 pm, Sunday, June 8th**.

Award distribution will commence at approx. 3:00 pm Sunday, June 8th. All entries may be picked up following the awards presentations.

Note that cleanup will commence promptly at 4:30 so please ensure that you respect the pickup times. Ribbons and cash awards not picked up by the end of show shall be forfeited.

The committee reserves the right to reassign any carving into an alternate category if it is deemed more appropriate for the submission or should the number of submissions in any given category not be a sufficient amount to warrant the inclusion of that category.

A Best of Show shall be chosen from the first place winners of the various categories & those winners shall be eligible for the **Best of Show** award.

Competitors are required to supply their own stands should their submission require it for display purposes. **No wall mounting is available.**

Awards Structure

The following prizes will be awarded in all levels of all categories.

1st.....\$20 & Red Ribbon

2nd.....\$15 & Blue Ribbon

3rd.....\$10 & Yellow Ribbon

Honorary Mention Ribbons awarded as per judges' discretion

Best of Level

Novice \$50 Gift Card or Cash

Intermediate..... \$50 Gift Card or Cash

Open \$50 Gift Card or Cash

Second Best of Level

Novice \$25 Gift Card or Cash

Intermediate..... \$25 Gift Card or Cash

Open \$25 Gift Card or Cash

Single \$25 Gift Card or Cash

Best of Show – \$25 Lee Valley Gift Card & \$25 Chipping Away Gift Card & \$25 cash & Ribbon

For more information contact Brett Schultz at 519-702-4119 Cell Number please text with name showing

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