

INFORMATION & RULES FOR THE EASTERN MAINE SPORTSMEN SHOW

Show is sponsored by the **PENOBSCOT COUNTY CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION & MAINE WOODCARVERS ASSOCIATION.**

1. The carving competition is open to all carvers young and old, novice to master. A special 16 and under category will be available for those who qualify. All carvings entered must have been completed within the last calendar year from the date of the Sportsmen Show.
2. A \$7.00 entry fee per entry for up to the first four carvings entered will be assessed. There is no maximum limit on the number of carvings entered.
3. Carvings may be entered for registration for the show from 1:00PM – 9:00PM on Friday, and from 9:00AM – 10:00AM on Saturday. All carvings entered must have identifying labels/marks covered prior to judging. Tape will be supplied at time of registration. Carvings entered will be issued a # based on the carver's entry level. All individuals will be given a receipt for any/all carving entered.
4. Judging will commence at 10:00AM on Saturday. All carvings entered by this time may not be touched/removed from the judges table until all judging is complete. A judges critique sheet will be available for each carving entered and will be given to individual carvers at the end of the show on Sunday. All carvings entered must be left on display for the duration of the show. Carvings will be picked up between the hours of 2:00PM – 3:00PM on Sunday.
5. Ribbons will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in each category, along with Honorable Mentions. These are BLUE, RED, YELLOW, AND WHITE. (NOTE: Judges need not award all ribbons in a certain category, i.e., if they feel that no entry is worthy of a Blue, Red, Yellow, or White ribbon. There will be a \$50.00 award for both the Judges "BEST OF SHOW" and for the "PEOPLES CHOICE.")
6. Ribbons will be awarded based on the following criteria:
 - ³⁵/₁₇ Technique of carving, sculpting, and painting
 - ³⁵/₁₇ Conformation (Anatomical Correctness)
 - ³⁵/₁₇ Feather pattern and coloration
 - ³⁵/₁₇ Degree of Difficulty
7. Representatives of the show will be present at the carving tables at all times during the open hours of the show. Carvings will not be released to individuals that do not have their receipts

issued when entries were registered. Prior arrangements may be made in advance with permission from event coordinator. **(ALL REASONABLE PRECAUTIONS WILL BE TAKEN TO PROTECT CARVINGS FROM DAMAGE/LOSS. WE WILL NOT ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR ITEMS ON DISPLAY, BUT WILL DO OUR BEST AS WE ALWAYS HAVE TO MINIMIZE THE RISK. All carvings left for the show will be at the owner's risk.**

8. Entry Class Levels and special rules for each:

³⁵₁₇ **YOUTH: 16 AND UNDER:**

May use cast lead/pewter feet on carvings entered. Working decoys will be judged in a special youth competition. Decoys will be constructed out of wood, cork, and/or canvas.

³⁵₁₇ **NOVICE:**

Generally considered to be the entry level/beginner level of competition. May use cast lead/pewter feet on carving's entered. (Special Rule: If two BLUE ribbons have been received during any past carving competition in this level, it is necessary to advance to the INTERMEDIATE entry level.)

³⁵₁₇ **INTERMEDIATE:**

One who's work has established them at a level beyond NOVICE/BEGINNER but not to the distinction of OPEN/MASTER. (Special Rule: If two BLUE ribbons have been received during any past carving competition in this level, it is necessary to advance to the OPEN entry level.) Cast Lead or Pewter feet may not be used on carvings entered.

³⁵₁₇ **OPEN/MASTER:**

(Professional) This entry level is considered to be at the highest level of the art. (Special Rule: Cast Lead or Pewter feet may not be used on carvings entered)

9. **All entries entered into the carving competition must be made primarily of wood. Other materials may be used for the making of habitat and/or for structural purposes.**
10. **WORKING DECOY'S shall be entered into a YOUTH, NOVICE, INTEMEDEATE, or OPEN category based on the carver's entry level. All working decoys will be fashioned of wood, cork, or canvas. Glass eyes may be used.**
11. **MINITURES will be ½ life size or less.**

ENTRY CATAGORIES:

³⁵/₁₇ **WORKING DECOYS:** All working decoys will be floated in the pool. They must float properly and also must be self-righting. Working Decoys will be entered based on the carver's entry level.

³⁵/₁₇ **NATURAL FINISH:** The term Natural Finish means that the grain of wood must show through the finish. Texturing/Burning will be permitted along with staining. Absolutely no paint is to be used.

³⁵/₁₇ **OTHER CATAGORIES:** May be opened if deemed necessary by show management.

CATAGORIES SPECIFIC THAT WILL HAVE RIBBONS AWARDED:

WORKING DECOYS: (ALL CLASSES)

Ducks, all species.

Geese, swans, confidence

DECORATIVE (ALL CLASSES)

Waterfowl (Life size and Mini's)

Ducks, All species (Life Size and Mini's)

Geese and Swans (Life Size and Mini's)

Upland Game Birds (Life Size and Mini's)

Shorebirds (Life Size and Mini's)

Seabirds (Life Size and Mini's)

Raptors (Life Size and Mini's)

Fish (Life Size and Mini's)

NATURAL FINISH: (ALL CLASSES)

Not restricted to waterfowl and fish. May include

Mammals. (Life Size and Mini's)

BENCH CLASS: (ALL CLASSES)

Includes all forms of relief and miscellaneous wildlife carvings.

ADDITIONAL CARVING ARTS: (ALL CLASSES)

Any carvings not listed above including non-wildlife, caricature, creative, and artistic impression, etc.

*****OFFICIAL SPECIES DESIGNATION*****

WATERFOWL: All species of ducks, geese, and swans.

UPLAND GAME BIRDS: Doves, grouse, pheasants, pigeons, quail, turkeys, and woodcock.

SHOREBIRDS: Avocets, coots, cranes, flamingoes, gallinules, godwits, herons, ibises, limpkins, Oystercatchers, plovers, rails, snipes, sandpipers, stilts, storks, and lapwings.

SEABIRDS: Auks, boobies, cormorants, frigates, grebes, gulls, jaegers, loons, pelicans, petrels, Shearwaters, skimmers, terns, tropic birds, puffins, skua, anhinga, gannets, and albatrosses.

RAPTORS (BIRDS OF PREY): Eagles, falcons, hawks, owls, vultures, condors.

SONGBIRDS: Blackbirds, buntings, bushtit, cardinals, chickadees, creepers, crows, cuckoos, dippers, Finches, flycatchers, gnatcatchers, grosbeaks, goatsuckers, hummers, jays, kingfishers, kinglets, larks, Mimics, nuthatches, orioles, parrots, pipits, shrikes, sparrows, swifts, staling, swallows, tanagers, Thrushes, titmouse, trogons, vireos, warblers, waxwings, woodpeckers, wrens, and any other songbird.

MAMMALS: All species including whales and dolphins.

FISH: All species including fresh and saltwater.

If you have any questions about the rules, please contact us below.

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