

## Woodcarving Competition Handbook

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### IMPORTANT DATES

#### Online or Paper Entry Form deadline

Friday, January 1, 2021

#### Deliver items to Building 3 at the South Florida Fair (see Page 4)

Friday, January 8, 2021

9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Saturday, January 9, 2021

9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Sunday, January 10, 2021

9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

#### Items exhibited

January 15 - 31, 2021

#### Entry pickup

Monday, February 1, 2021

9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

### Competition Overview

**Entry fee:** FREE

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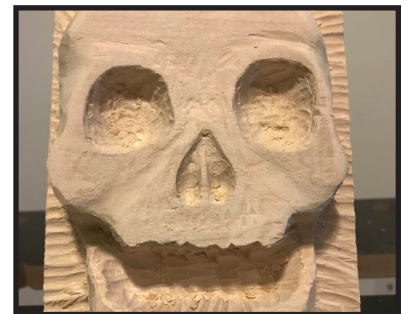
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**Exhibitors are encouraged to read this handbook in its entirety.**

### Eligibility

- The Woodcarving Adult Novice Division is open to all Florida residents ages 18 and up who have entry level skills in carving or wood burning. After entering the South Florida Fair for two (2) years at the novice level or having received two (2) first place awards or Best of Show in this division at the South Florida Fair, the carver must advance and compete at the Intermediate level.
- The Woodcarving Adult Intermediate Division is open to all Florida residents ages 18 and up whose skills consists of refined sculpting and painting techniques are above entry level. Individual shows consistent techniques in carving/painting/burning. After entering the South Florida Fair for three (3) years at the intermediate level or having received three (3) first place awards or Best of Show in this division at the South Florida Fair, the carver must advance and compete at the advanced level.
- The Woodcarving Advanced Division is open to all Florida residents ages 18 and up who has achieved a mature level of skills in the woodcarving art and craft. Open to professional, semi-professional and amateur status woodcarvers.



# Entry Rules

## NUMBER OF ENTRIES

Due to space limitations, no more than six (6) items per person may be submitted for judging, however exhibitors may enter only two (2) entries per class.

## SIZE AND PREPARATION GUIDELINES

- Maximum size limits for a carving entered item are as follows: length 55 inches, width 32 inches, height 48 inches. Except for walking sticks, which may be up to 75 inches in length. Carvings that exceed any of these dimensions will not be accepted unless prior approval by the Exhibits and Special Events Manager.
- Carousel animals can be standard size.
- Relief carvings must be submitted ready to hang with strong hooks, loops, or wire. Entered items not ready to hang will be disqualified.

## WOODCARVING RULES

- The definitions and class categories must be strictly observed.
- It is the exhibitor's responsibility to select a class for each carving being submitted. Information written under "Entered Item Description" on the Entry Form must match what is submitted; substitutions will not be permitted. The South Florida Fair and judges may change either the division or the class as appropriate.
- Entered items are to be made of wood. Other materials may be used for habitat and structural purposes; however, they are to be hand formed except for eyes.
- Identical items cannot be entered into more than one Division or State Fair competition.

## GENERAL ENTRY RULES

- Entries previously exhibited in the South Florida Fair may not be submitted for competition.
- Exhibited work must be completed within the last two (2) years.
- Entries must have been prepared/made/processed by the exhibitor in whose name they are entered.
- In keeping with the South Florida Fair's family orientation, nudes or items of an offensive, controversial, or objectionable nature or subject matter will not be accepted.
- Entries completed by two or more individuals are permitted but will be counted as one exhibitor (the individual who entered online).

## Judging and Awards

The Fair ensures the judges are knowledgeable in the division in which they are judging and will be impartial. Judges reserve the right to reassign entries to a more appropriate division or class. Judging will be done using a scorecard to assist in keeping decisions as objective as possible. *The decision of the judge(s) is final.*

If, at the judge's discretion, an entry does not merit a placing, the judge shall give no award under any circumstance. This rule applies whether there are one or more exhibits in the class.

## Awards Information

### Woodcarving – Novice and Intermediate Division

**First Place** – South Florida Fair Ribbon

**Second Place** – South Florida Fair Ribbon

**Third Place** – South Florida Fair Ribbon

### Woodcarving – Advanced Division

**First Place** – South Florida Fair Ribbon

**Second Place** – South Florida Fair Ribbon

**Third Place** – South Florida Fair Ribbon

**Best of Show (Novice)** – South Florida Fair Ribbon and premium payment

**Best of Show (Intermediate)** – South Florida Fair Ribbon and premium payment

**Best of Show (Advanced)** – South Florida Fair Ribbon and premium payment

*Best of Show awards will be chosen from the first-place winners in each division.*

## Judging Criteria

Originality and Creativity

Design

Skill and Execution

Surface Finish

Final Presentation

# Woodcarving – Divisions and Classes

## Definitions

**Carving:** a general heading that embraces sculpture and carving.

**Relief:** means carving with gouge, chisel, or power tool to decorate a generally flat surface, to give the illusion of depth and perspective. Frames are accepted but are not judged.

**In-the-Round:** means shaping a freestanding three-dimensional form or forms.

**Carved:** only refers to a carving completed with use of a knife, chisel, or gouge. No sanding, filling, scraping, or filling in is permitted.

**Chip Carving:** refers to the hand carving by cutting chips with a knife or other instruments usually in simple geometric designs.

**Wood burning:** is the process of burning a design usually on wood or leather especially with an electrically heated tool. Scene on flat surface (ready to hang). Frames will not be judged.

**Natural Finish:** means that the grain of the wood must show through the finish. Limited natural wood staining of a single color and/or limited wood burning is permitted.

**Painted Finish:** means work with other than natural color wood stain, such as polychromes, acrylics or extensive wood burning, etc.

**Realistic:** refers to a carving completed as an accurate presentation of the subject matter.

**Stylized:** refers to a carving completed according to a style or stylistic pattern rather than strictly according to reality.

**Caricature:** refers to a carving completed as a representation by exaggeration or distortion for humorous or satirical effect.

**Bust:** refers to a carving of a person's head, shoulders, and chest.

## Woodcarving – Novice - Division 1

## Woodcarving – Intermediate - Division 2

## Woodcarving – Advanced - Division 3

### Relief Carvings

#### Class Description

1 Aquatic – painted or natural finish, any size

2 Wood spirits – natural or painted, any size

3 Portraiture relief – single or group portrait of human face, head or head and shoulders, natural finish, any size

4 Architectural relief – primary subject (i.e. buildings, bridges, agricultural scenes etc. including crest, signs and emblems), natural or painted finish (gold leaf, etc.), any size

5 Flowers and plant life relief – natural or painted finish, any size

6 Animal relief (other than aquatic) – all animals including wildlife, domestic or farm animals, natural or painted finish, any size

7 Religious relief – natural or painted finish, any size

8 Seascape/nautical relief – natural or painted finish, any size

9 Fish relief – natural or painted finish, any size

## **In-the-Round Carvings**

### **Class Description**

- 10 Animals (four-legged, other than horses) – all four-legged animals include wildlife, domestic or farm animals, natural or painted finish, any size
- 11 Carousel animals – painted finish, any size
- 12 Horse(s) – natural or painted finish, any size
- 13 Flowers and plant life – natural or painted finish, any size
- 14 Aquatic and marine life – natural finish, any size
- 15 Aquatic and marine life – painted finish, any size
- 16 Decorative birds (stylized) – natural or painted finish, any size
- 17 Waterfowl, realistic – natural or painted finish, any size
- 18 Shorebirds, realistic – natural or painted finish, any size
- 19 Upland game birds, realistic – natural or painted finish, any size
- 20 Birds of prey, realistic – natural or painted finish, any size
- 21 Songbirds, realistic – natural or painted finish, any size
- 22 Animal heads – natural or painted finish, any size
- 23 Bust – realistic single or several heads (includes shoulder and chest), natural or painted finish, any size
- 24 Full figure – natural finish, realistic human figure, any size
- 25 Full figure – painted finish, realistic human figure, any size
- 26 Masks – any finish, any size
- 27 Walking sticks – any finish, any size
- 28 Caricature – natural or painted finish, any size
- 29 Fantasy – the free play of creative imagination (fairies, dragons, wizards, etc.)
- 30 Holiday caricature – single or group caricature, natural or painted finish, any size
- 31 Miniatures – (1½ inches x 1½ inches x 2½ inches), natural or painted finish
- 32 Stylized/abstract of any subject – natural or painted finish, any size
- 33 Miscellaneous in-the-round (including housewares) – natural finish, any size
- 34 Miscellaneous in-the-round (including housewares) – painted finish, any size
- 35 Religious – natural finish, any size
- 36 Religious – painted finish, any size

## **Chip Carving**

### **Class Description**

- 37 Flatwork – natural or painted finish, any size
- 38 Dimensional work – natural or painted finish, any size

## **Wood burning**

### **Class Description**

- 39 Wood burning – natural finish, any size
- 40 Wood burning – painted finish, any size

## How to Enter Online

Exhibitors are encouraged to enter online at [www.southfloridafair.com/TheCreationStation](http://www.southfloridafair.com/TheCreationStation).

- Review this Competition Handbook to see which division and class your entry is eligible to compete in. Follow the easy steps listed below to enter.
- To enter online, go to [www.southfloridafair.com/TheCreationStation](http://www.southfloridafair.com/TheCreationStation) and complete the form. Click the submit button and make sure you are brought to the thank you for registering page.
- Everyone must register as a new exhibitor each year.
- When registering, please verify all information is correct. Please pay special attention to capitalization, full names of cities/counties and use proper spelling (no abbreviations).

## Mailing Paper Entry Forms

Entry Forms must be postmarked by Friday, January 1, 2021.

*Failure to complete any portion of entry form may result in disqualification.*

### Mail Entry Form to:

The Creation Station, Crafts & Specialty Arts – Woodcarving  
South Florida Fair  
P.O. Box 210367  
West Palm Beach, FL 33421-0367

## Delivery Entries

All entries must be delivered to the South Florida Fair on either:

Friday, January 8, 2021  
9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Saturday, January 9, 2021  
9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Sunday, January 10, 2021  
9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

### Deliver entries to:

South Florida Fair  
Building 3  
Attn: Lorie Stinson

*Enter Gate 10 off Fairgrounds Road.*

**Entries arriving at the Fairgrounds after delivery deadline may be disqualified.**

## Retrieving Entries

- See the calendar for pick up dates, times, and locations (Page 1)
- Entries not picked up on designated dates can be arranged for special pick up appointment by emailing [lorie@southfloridafair.com](mailto:lorie@southfloridafair.com)
- All entries not claimed by March 1 of the same year will be recycled, disposed, or donated.

# General Rules

## Disclaimer

All competitive exhibits are entered at the exhibitor's risk. The South Florida Fair does not insure and is not responsible for any loss, damage, or theft of entries, even if the loss, damage, or theft occurs as the result of the handling of the exhibit by staff, volunteers, contractors and/or visitors. If the exhibitor desires insurance coverage, this coverage should be secured from a personal insurance agent prior to entry and the policy written to cover the period of exhibition and transportation. Reasonable care will be taken to prevent loss or damage to exhibits. Unauthorized persons are not permitted in the building after closing hours.

## Division/Class Cancellation

The South Florida Fair reserves the right to return entries and cancel any division or class in which, in its judgment, the entries are insufficient to secure adequate competition.

## Entry Errors

South Florida Fair is not responsible for finding errors in entries. Exhibitors are responsible for all errors which were submitted online or on entry and summary forms. No exhibitor shall be entitled to an award which has been disallowed as the result of his/her own error. The South Florida Fair shall withhold the payment of awards for exhibits that are ineligible and may recover awards that have been paid for ineligible entries that are disclosed during post audits of Fair records. However, exhibitors with cause are entitled to question the validity of any disallowance. Such exhibitors should inform the South Florida Fair immediately, in writing, giving their name, address, complete description of the entry and the reason for requesting reconsideration. Requests will not be considered later than 90 days after receiving notice of disallowance.

## Premium Payments

Premium awards will be paid to the Best of Show. Best of Show awards will be chosen from the first-place winners in each Division. Amounts vary depending on Division.

## Substitution

Substitutions may be made in still exhibits only in the same division of the original entry class of the original exhibitor and may be made only if completed by the entry delivery date. Substitutions must be made at time of delivery check in. The South Florida Fair or the judge may disqualify or transfer to the correct class any entry which is not a true representative of the division or class in which it is entered.

## Previously Entered Entry

Any entry that has been exhibited at a previous South Florida Fair is not eligible for entry in this year's South Florida Fair, excluding Horticulture and Creative Aquarium entries.

## Verification

Exhibitors wishing to verify that the South Florida Fair has received submitted entry forms must include a self-addressed/stamped envelope when submitting entry forms. Online submissions will receive a confirmation email.

## Responsibility

The South Florida Fair shall not be responsible for exhibits remaining on the fairgrounds after designated release times. All still exhibits or display elements remaining on the Fairgrounds after the designated release time will be treated as abandoned property and will be disposed of on or before March 1 of the current year.

## Removal of Entries

Exhibitors may not remove their entry from the South Florida Fair once it has been accepted. Entries must be on exhibit at the official opening of the Fair or at any other time specified in the Competition Handbook and shall not be removed from the Fairgrounds prior to the release date printed in the handbook, except (at the discretion of the South Florida Fair) in cases of evidence of sickness, accident and/or death, or other circumstances that are in the best interests of the Fair.

## Design

The South Florida Fair assumes total design control over the presentation of the exhibits. Entries designed for hanging and not so equipped will be hung in a manner deemed appropriate by the Fair. No exhibit changes will be made once the entries have been displayed. Once an entry has been received by the South Florida Fair, no further handling of entry by exhibitor shall be permitted. Relocation and final placement shall be accomplished by South Florida Fair personnel. Entries requiring assembly/disassembly must include detailed instructions and sketches for assembly/disassembly. Instructions should indicate lifting points, unsecured parts and any other information required for such handling. Where necessary, bank pins will be utilized to attach exhibits for display.

# Woodcarving Competition Entry Form

**OFFICE USE ONLY**

Exhibitor # \_\_\_\_\_

**Entry Forms must be postmarked by Friday, January 1, 2021.**

*Failure to complete any portion of entry form may result in disqualification.*

**Please print legibly**

Exhibitors Name (First, Last)		
Mailing Address		County
City	State	Zip Code
Phone	Email	

**What division are you competing in:**  Novice (ages 18+)       Intermediate (ages 18+)       Advanced (ages 18+)

**Exhibitors may enter up to six (6) entries per division for judging. Only two (2) entries per Class may be entered by any one individual.**

	DIVISION#	CLASS#	ITEM DESCRIPTION
<b>1</b>			
<b>2</b>			
<b>3</b>			
<b>4</b>			
<b>5</b>			
<b>6</b>			

*I hereby certify that I have read the South Florida Fair General Rules for The Creation Station, Crafts & Specialty Arts Program (Page 6) and the above item(s) is/are entered for exhibition strictly in accordance with these rules, by which I agree to be governed. I also agree that the South Florida Fair may use my name, likeness, or photograph (including, but not limited to photographs of my entry), in any manner relating to my participation in The Creation Station, Crafts & Specialty Arts Program, free of charge and without further notice or consultation.*

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Signature of exhibitor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Mail Entry Form to:**

The Creation Station, Crafts & Specialty Arts – Woodcarving  
South Florida Fair  
P.O. Box 210367  
West Palm Beach, FL 33421-0367