

Scroll Saw Contest Rules & Guidelines

The Scroll Saw Contest has been a popular part of the Midwest Scroll Saw & Woodworking Trade Show since the show began in 1997. It revolves around different types of woodworking which have one thing in common – they are all made using a scroll saw as the dominate tool in their creation. Fretwork, Intarsia, Marquetry, Inlay, 3-D Scrolling and more are included. If your project is made using a scroll saw you can enter it in this contest.

Categories

- 2-D Fretwork – Projects are primarily flat - exhibiting 2 dimensions of length and width with very little depth. Pieces require minor assembly/constructions. Examples include: silhouettes, frames, ornaments, signs, word art, etc.
- 3-DFretwork–Projects (resulting from construction). Pieces require more complex assembly/construction. Examples include: shelves, boxes, clocks, night lights, etc.
- Intarsia – Projects primarily emphasize intarsia techniques in their execution. They use different types of woods, grain patterns, sanding, and shaping to paint a picture in wood.
- Open - Projects not classified as either fretwork or intarsia. They must show evidence of a scroll saw being a major piece of equipment used in making the project. (You may be asked to provide a brief description of how the project was made). This category will include segmentation, non-pierced work, marquetry, and inlay which are done with a scroll saw.

Classes

Each of the above categories will be divided into 3 classes

- Basic
- Intermediate
- Complex

Placement into classes is based on the complexity of the design used for the project—not on the skill level of the participant. The show staff will make the final determination for the class after all entries are received. It is somewhat variable and will depend firstly by the complexity of the project and secondly by the total number of entries in the category.

Prizes

- **Category/Class winners:** first, second and third place will receive ribbons
- **Best in Class Winners: (Basic, Intermediate, and Complex):** will receive a rosette ribbon and other valuable prizes
- **Junior Scroller Award:** Participants who are under 16 are eligible for this award and will receive a rosette ribbon and other valuable prizes
- **Best In Show Award:** Best in class winners for the Scroll Saw Contest are eligible for this award as well as the contest winners in the Wood turning and Wood Carving Contests.
- **Woodworkers Choice Award:** All entrants in all of the contests are eligible for this award. A winner is voted on by the attendees at the show and will receive a rosette ribbon and other valuable prizes.