

METRO CARVERS OF MICHIGAN "ARTISTIC CREATIONS IN WOOD"
43rd Metro Carvers of Michigan 2025 Show
Information Sheet, Competition Rules, & Application Form

- SHOW DATES:** **Saturday, March 22, 2025 10am – 4pm** (*Show Setup 7am – 9:30am*)
Sunday, March 23, 2025 10am – 4pm
- LOCATION:** Packard Proving Grounds
49965 Van Dyke Ave.
Shelby Twp., MI 48317
- CARVER TABLE PRICE:** 8 ft. Table with Maximum of 2 Chairs = \$30
\$5 Additional for Electricity (limited electricity available, first received/first allocated)
- VENDOR TABLE PRICE:** 8 ft. Table with Maximum of 2 Chairs = \$50
Electricity, if needed, included (limited electricity available, first received/first allocated)
- AWARDS:** Each Category Competition: 1st Place, 2nd Place, 3rd Place
Best of Show Competition: 1st Place, 2nd Place, 3rd Place
People's Choice Competition: 1st Place, 2nd Place
- COMPETITION ENTRY:** Enter items between 8am and 9:30am, Saturday, March 22, 2025 (take to Judging Area)
- CHAIRPERSON:** Patrick Miller
74510 Nordman Court
Bruce Twp., MI 48065
Cell: 586-651-8847
E-mail: Pat.Miller@metrocarvers.com

Please be courteous and do not start to "pack up" or close down early. The public has come to our show to see your carvings.

Please review the following information and rules:

- Please read all competition rules and guidelines for entering a carving.
- ONLY exhibitors will be permitted to enter the buildings before the show opens to the public.
- Show tables not occupied 30 minutes prior to show time will revert to the Metro Carvers Club without a refund. (If you have extenuating circumstances, phone Show Chairman, Partick Miller, at 586-651-8847.
- When you arrive, find your table location on the layout map near the main door. Your information packet will be on your table.
- TABLES MUST BE COVERED AND INCLUDE A FRONT "SKIRT" TO THE FLOOR.
- If anything in your display exceeds 60" in height from the floor, please inform the Show Chairman. Also, ALL items must be either on or under your own table throughout the entire show.
- Your canceled check made payable to "Metro Carvers of Michigan" will be your receipt. You may contact the Show Chairman, Patrick Miller, at 586-651-8847 or Pat.Miller@metrocarvers.com to verify you have been assigned a table(s).

*** Entry deadline is February 15, 2025. All tables must be paid for by March 1, 2025. Enter early as all tables were sold out this past year.**

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1. Entries must be carved, wood turned, wood burned, and painted (if applicable) by the person entering the competition.
2. The person entering the competition must rent a table at the show and be present during the show.
3. Judges may not enter carvings in the competition.
4. Carvings must be predominantly wood. Glass eyes and metal feet are allowed.
5. Blocks, Cutout Blanks, or Rough Outs may be used in all categories.
 - a. Blocks: When a carver starts to carve with only a chunk of wood that is unprepared, they are using/carving a block.
 - b. Cutout Blanks: Cutout Blanks are a piece of wood that has had some of the excess wood removed, usually from another carver's pattern, and is usually cut by a saw. Most of the time the cutout blank is a flat one- or two-dimensional piece of wood that a scroll saw or band saw has cut into the shape to be carved.
 - c. Rough Out: A rough out is a piece of wood that has had more excess wood removed. A rough out lacks the finished detail. Roughouts are usually done by a machine that follows a program sample from another carver.
6. Carvings entered in the competition must remain on display until the show is over at 4pm on Sunday. Carvings will be returned to their carver's table as soon as practical after judging.
7. Carvings entered into competition must have been completed in the last two years.
8. Ribbons or awards from other shows may not be displayed – NO EXCEPTIONS.
9. Mailed or shipped carvings will not be accepted.
10. The show committee has the right to add, divide or delete categories as deemed necessary.
11. Entries are submitted at the sole discretion and sole risk of the owner. The Packard Proving Grounds and Metro Carvers are not responsible for the loss or damage of carvings.
12. Group carvings must be mounted on a single base. For judging purposes, the dominant subject will determine the category in which the multi-subject group will be placed.
13. Judge's decisions are final.
14. Metro Carvers has the final decision over any and all competition-related questions, except judging decisions.
15. Carvings such as Wood Spirits and Relief Carvings larger than 8" x 8" must have a stand.
16. Each table may enter up to five carvings. Only one entry per category.

Categories To Be Judged

Judging takes place for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, & sometimes (at Judges discretion) an honorable mention award for all categories #1 thru #34.

For "Best of Show" (1st, 2nd, & 3rd) will be judged from the Category Competition 1st Place group of winners made up from the categories #5 thru #34.

Wood Burning

- 1.0 Wood Burning (no paint or stain)
- 2.0 Wood Burning (with paint or stain)

Woodworking

- 3.0 Intarsia/Marquetry, Scroll Work, Wood Toys, etc...

Wood Turned Items

- 4.0 Wood Turned Items With or Without Carving

Various Categories

- 5.0 Relief Carving
- 6.0 Floral in the Round
- 7.0 Chip Carving
- 8.0 Abstract or Ornamental
- 9.0 Miniature and Jewelry (Must fit in 2" cube)
- 10.0 Cane and Walking Sticks
- 11.0 Holiday Carvings
- 12.0 Whittled pieces including decorative Spoons
- 13.0 Carousel figures and other related Subjects
- 14.0 Mythical Creatures
- 15.0 Native American related carvings
- 16.0 Miscellaneous

Bark

- 17.0 Building
- 18.0 Spirits/Faces
- 19.0 Other Bark Carvings

Carvings of Humans

- 20.0 Realistic Human Figure & Group (two or more subjects... human or other)
- 21.0 Realistic Human Bust

Caricatures

- 22.0 Caricature Group (two or more subjects... human or other)
- 23.0 Caricature Human
- 24.0 Caricature Animal

Birds

- 25.0 Realistic Decoys (ducks or geese with or without keels)
- 26.0 Waterfowl - No Decoys
- 27.0 Wading and Shore Birds (heron, egret, etc...)
- 28.0 Birds of Prey
- 29.0 Song Birds
- 30.0 Clinging Birds (woodpecker, nuthatch, etc...)
- 31.0 Game Birds (quail, dove, grouse, woodcock, etc...)

Animals

- 32.0 Animal

Aquatic and Fish

- 33.0 Aquatic Creatures
- 34.0 Fish

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Reserve tables by February 15, 2025

Please reserve my table(s) for the Metro Carvers of Michigan show. Show hours are on your information sheet. Exhibitors may enter early on show day(s). **IMPORTANT, Carvers or Vendors:** Your display will be a VENDOR if it includes any items(s) that you **have purchased and then marked up for resale** to the public or that you **are going to purchase and then resell** after taking orders to deliver later. This includes all tools, books, and carving accessories. All personal carvings and items of your own creation (blanks you have cut out, for instance) are carver items, not vendor items. **One vendor item on the table will cause the entire table to be considered a vendor table.**

Make checks payable to: Metro Carvers of Michigan

Mail completed form and payment to: Patrick Miller, 74510 Nordman Court, Bruce Twp. MI 48065

Mail Checks no later than March 1, 2025

Reserve my table(s) as follows:

CARVER TABLES:

8 ft. Table with Maximum of 2 Chairs = Quantity _____ X \$30 = _____

8 ft. Table with Maximum of 2 Chairs with Electricity = Quantity _____ X \$35 = _____

(limited electricity available, first received/first allocated... refunded if already taken)

VENDOR TABLES:

8 ft. Table with Maximum of 2 Chairs = Quantity _____ X \$50 = _____

If Electricity is Needed Check this Box = **Yes, Electricity is Needed**

(limited electricity available, first received/first allocated)

Grand Total = _____

MY DISPLAY WILL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

IF HEIGHT OF ANYTHING IN YOUR DISPLAY EXCEEDS 60" PLEASE EXPLAIN:

SPECIAL REQUESTS (if possible):

PLEASE PRINT HOW YOU WANT YOUR NAME TAG TO READ:

Name: _____

Table Companion (Limit One Only): _____

Street: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Phone: _____ **E-Mail:** _____

If I violate any of the competition rules and guidelines found on the information sheets, I understand I will be disqualified from ALL competition in this show.

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____