

TEXAS RIO GRANDE VALLEY WOODCARVERS

2017 JUDGING RULES

1. Entry forms for the judging competition will be on the table registration envelope you will receive on Thursday afternoon. Please fill them out and sign them prior to checking in at the judging table. Carvers are to select category and class for their entries. They may be reclassified at the judge's discretion.
2. Registration of carvings for judging will only be accepted Thursday, January 21, 2016, beginning at 2:00 p.m. and closing promptly at 6:00 p.m. This will be the same for both exhibitors and non-exhibitors.
3. Items to be judged must be made by the carver not more than 2 years prior to the show.
4. Carvings that contain multiple pieces must be contained on a single base.
5. Ribbons will be awarded at the **discretion of the judge**, per their criteria. The judges will be asked to explain to competitors how they might improve their carving(s). Every effort will be made to list comments for each carving.
6. All entries in the competition must be left on the judging tables for the duration of the show. You will need your claim ticket to pick up your entry at the close of the show--- **DON'T LOSE IT!**
7. If there are too few entries in a category they may be moved to the nearest category. Judge may add a class to assist with judging.
8. An entry must contain a significant amount of carving to be considered for Best of Show. The Competition Chairperson and the Judge(s) will decide if the piece qualifies. Their decision is **FINAL**.
9. Best of Division will be awarded in the Open, Intermediate, and Novice Divisions. Overall Best of Show will be chosen from the three Best of Division winners.
- 10. The top finishers, Best of Show, Peoples' Choice, and Carvers' will be awarded Helvie Commemorative Knives, engraved and dated, rather than ribbons.**

MILTON SMITH MEMORIAL AWARD



As many of you know, Milton Smith passed away in 2015. Milton's dedication to carving and his willingness to help in any way made him a friend to everyone he met, and a cherished friend to many of us. You may remember Milton and Linda working behind The Tool Box counter in recent years.

Milton was known for his imagination and his wood carving skills. He was always a willing teacher.

Beginning with The Rio Grande Valley Woodcarvers 2017 Show, Linda will sponsor the Milton Smith Memorial Bird Carving Merit Award. The Merit Award will be a Commemorative Helvie Knife, engraved and dated. The winning bird will be selected by Linda from any bird entered into competition.