



A Quick Guide to Carving Entry

New to carving shows? Not sure where to enter your carving? This short guide will give you some tips.

1. First, the TYPE of carving is the first thing to consider. This determines what **Division** or group of Divisions the carving will be entered into.
 - Is it made of **Wood**? If the answer is NO, then you are in **Division M** for "other media." This could be stone, bone, or some other non-wood material. Bark or roots are still considered wood.
 - Is it a **Cocktail** carving? This is a special miniature competition with entries no larger than 4 inches (10.2cm); all entries are auctioned off and you get half the money (**Div I** – three categories: *Air/Land/Water*).
 - Is it a **Woodturning**? (**Div L** – two categories: *Functional* [typically a bowl or plate, and a simple design] or *Decorative* [fancy, mostly for show]).*
 - Is it a **Fish**? (**Divs O, P** – all fish entries compete in two Divisions; O is for Life-size, with Categories for species groups; P is for Life-size wall mounts, miniatures or non-realistic (interpretive) entries.**)
 - Is it a **Wildlife** carving? Well, what exactly do we mean by that? If the carving is a 3-D sculpture of a wild bird, mammal, reptile, amphibian, etc. then you are mostly likely in **Divisions A-H**. See #2 below.
 - Is it a "**Non-wildlife**" carving? (**Divs J,K**) This is easy if you've carved a human, a domestic animal, a house, a spoon, a cane, etc. in 3-D; you are in **Div J**. But it gets trickier if you've done a relief or other flat-style carving (like a native-style plaque or chip carving). Even though the subject might be wildlife, the type of carving is first priority, so you'd still be in "Non-wildlife" (**Div K**)

Notes on exceptions:

*Turnings: bowls and plates where the major effort is on carving decorating the turning can be entered as Chip-carving or Native-style

**Fish: a carver may choose to enter a Relief or Native-style fish in the Non-Wildlife Divisions

2. So, you have a Wildlife carving. What Division should you put it in?
 - Is it a **bird**? If yes, stay here (if NO, go to the next bullet). If it's a Life-size, realistic bird, then you enter either Waterbirds (**Div A**) or Landbirds (**Div B**). *Realistic means it's painted to look real*. If it's a miniature (half-size or less) then enter **Div C**. Is it a floating decoy, with a simple paint job meant as a hunting bird? **Div D**. Is it a decoy that doesn't float or has a fancy paint job meant for the mantelpiece? **Div E**. Is it a decoy meant to look like an antique? **Div F**. What if it's just a bird head? Well, then we kick you out of the birds and you have to compete with other wildlife heads in **Div H**.
 - Is your carving a 3-D realistic non-bird wildlife subject? You are in **Div H**. Is your carving showing the natural colour of the wood? Or an artistic interpretation / stylized depiction of wildlife? **Div G**.

If you still have questions about the **Division** or **Category** that you should enter, just ask at registration and we'll be happy to help.