

Cheshire & North Wales Woodturners Association

Annual Competition 2019 (Thursday 12th December 2019)

Rules and Guidance

The Nominated Item is "A Lidded Bowl".

We encourage everybody to bring along their work and enter. There are two skill levels the **Open Level** and the **Advanced Level**. Those new to turning, those who have not entered a competition before or those who are not in the Advanced Level will compete at the Open Level. The Advanced Level is for members who have demonstrated their skill in previous competitions by being major prize winners. **Please check the Eligibility List on the board to see if you are allocated to the Advanced Level; there is some re-allocation after each Competition. If your name does not appear there then you will compete at the Open Level.** There are **three size groups** within each Skill Level and four prizes for each of those groups. There will again be a display table (see below)

Just to remind you that any entries from the Monthly Competition **can** be entered in the Annual Competition.

Once you know which Level of Skill you are in you can submit as many items, in as many of the size categories as you like.

All members can compete in the Nominated Item.

So there is a lot to go for whatever your level of ability. Get Turning!

N.B. WINNERS OF TROPHIES IN THE 2018 COMPETITION ARE REQUESTED TO RETURN THEIR TROPHIES BY THE NOVEMBER MEETING.

The two skill LEVELS are:-

1. **OPEN LEVEL**: Any member who is not in the Advanced Level or who has been transferred from the Advanced Level.
2. **ADVANCED LEVEL**: Any professional woodturner. Any member who has won a 1st/2nd prize at Open Level, or a Show Prize, in two recent previous Annual Competitions (not necessarily consecutive). Once a member has transferred to Advanced Level they will remain at this level unless they do not win a prize for two consecutive years or agreement is reached with the Committee for them to move. Then they will move to the Open Level.

A Show Prize is Best of Show, Nominated Item 1st/2nd and Innovative Item Award

There will be three CATEGORIES of work, Small, Medium and Large within the Advanced and Open Levels.

1. SMALL (less than 3" diameter)
2. MEDIUM (between 3" and 8" dia.)
3. LARGE (over 8" dia.)

If the entry is made up of a set of pieces then the size of the largest determines the category. Diameter is the largest diameter on a piece of work. Gauges will be available to help in testing if required.

This year the **NOMINATED ITEM** (open to all members) will be a **LIDDED BOWL**

ADDITIONAL RULES

Work should not have won a prize in any annual competition wherever held; club, regional or national.

Please do not mark your work with a name or a symbol which would identify you, or cover up such a mark with a label. Any item with identifying marks or labels will not be accepted for the competition.

No member can win more than one prize in any one size group at a particular ability Level, or in the Nominated Item.

In any dispute the Chairperson's decision is final.

JUDGING PROCEDURES

Open, and Advanced Level — All members will be invited to judge these entries. Judging should not commence until the last entries have been booked in at 7.05pm. Voting slips will be collected as they are completed and counting will start straight away.

Nominated Item — The Guest Judge will select the prize winners in this category. In the absence of a Guest Judge members will judge the entries.

The Chairperson's Choice — Selected by the Chairperson from all entries which have not otherwise won a prize.

The Most Innovative Turned Item — Selected by Gareth Davies. (in his absence, Guest Judge or Committee Members will make the choice)

The Pewter Tankard — Open Level Prize-winner with most points.

The Best of Show Award — Selected by a Guest Judge. The Guest Judge will be asked to comment on the overall standard of entries and any particular items they care to single out. If a Guest Judge is not available then members will vote.

TIMING OF EVENTS

- Submission of entries — 6.30pm to 7.05pm
- Judging — 7.05pm to 7.35pm
- Vote counting — 7.35pm to 8.20pm
- Winners announced — 8.20pm approx.

Winners will be announced on the night of the Competition. Trophies and Certificates will be presented at the following meeting. *At that meeting we also hope that prize-winners will be prepared to share with us the techniques used to make their prize-winning items.*

DISPLAY TABLE

A display table will be available for members who wish to bring previous prize winning entries or items from other areas of woodcraft. Please avail yourselves of this opportunity to share your skills. It would be helpful if each item had a small card to indicate who made it and a little bit about the object e.g. how many hours it took, woods used etc. This is for pleasure only; there will be no competition amongst the items.