

**Arts and Craft Contest Rules
Lone Star Region
Of the National Model Railroad Association**

A. General Contest Rules

1. The Arts and Craft Contest is open to anyone who is registered at an LSR Region Convention.
2. Each entry must be accompanied by the official LSR (Board approved) entry form signed by the entrant along with the LSR or NMRA Arts and Craft Judging form.
3. Entry by proxy is *not* allowed.
4. There will be no restrictions on the number of articles entered by a single entrant, nor shall any entry fee be charged.
5. Articles will be displayed to permit the maximum inspection (based on space available).
6. Items that have won First (1st) place at previous Regional or National NMRA contests are ineligible.
7. The claim check from the LSR entry form must be presented to obtain the model after the contest.
8. Reasonable care and protection will be provided for entries by the Host Committee and the Judges.
9. No entries will be accepted after Noon on Friday (unless otherwise posted). This will allow the Region Contest Chair and the Host Division to ready the contest room for judging.
10. Judging will be done on Friday evening (unless otherwise posted). The contest room will remain closed from viewing during judging. The room will reopen for viewing Saturday morning.
11. For the protection of the models, no bags, purses, camera bags, or drinks will be allowed in the model display area. You are welcome to take photos for your personal use.

B. Categories

1. Arts and Craft General – Other than Railroadiana, Needlework or Theme. Can be from a kit (which includes plans, instructions and materials), Pattern (where the entrant acquires material separately), or an original design from the entrant. Please specify kit, pattern or original.
2. Arts and Craft Railroadiana – Same as General except entry must have a railroad motif. Please specify kit, pattern or original.
3. Arts and Craft Needlework – Same as General except entry is a type of stitchery (knitting, embroidery, needlepoint, sewing, etc.). Please specify kit, pattern or original.
4. Arts and Craft Theme – Same as General except the subject is chosen by the Host Committee. The theme subject will be announced at the banquet and in the *Marker Lamp*.

C. Judging

1. Judging will be done by a team of judges
2. Points are awarded in the following categories listed on the LSR/NMRA Arts and Craft Judges' Score Sheet.
 - a. Construction and Materials (maximum of 50 points)
 - b. Difficulty/Complexity (maximum of 30 points)
 - c. Finishing & Display (maximum of 25 points)
 - d. Neatness (maximum of 20 points)

D. Awards

1. A plaque and ribbon will be awarded for First (1st) place in each category.
2. Ribbons will be awarded for Second (2nd) and Third (3rd) place in each category.
3. Honorable Mention ribbons will be awarded at the discretion of the judges.
4. Most Popular will receive a plaque. This is based on the entry receiving the highest numbers of votes from the ballots submitted in the ballot box located in the Contest Room. It can come from any category.
5. Best of Show is the entry receiving the highest point total on the judges score sheet, from all the entries in the Arts and Craft contest.