

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

A. General Rules

1. The Arts and Crafts 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 Crafts Judging form.
3. Entries by proxy is *not* allowed.
4. There will be no restriction 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). If you have a large entry (taking up ten (10) square feet or more) please check with the Region Contest Chairman to make sure appropriate space will be available.
6. Items that have won First (1st) place at previous Regional or National NMRA contest are ineligible.
7. The claim check from the LSR entry form must be presented to obtain the article after the contest.
8. Reasonable care and protection will be provided for entries by the Host Committee and the Judges.
9. Neither the LSR or the Host Convention Committee can assume any responsibility in the event of loss or damage to an article beyond the insurance carried by the NMRA and then no more than the dollar value that is shown on the LSR Entry form.
10. No entries will be accepted after 3PM on Friday (unless otherwise posted). This will allow the Region Contest Chairman and the Host Convention Committee time to ready the room for judging.
11. The contest room will remain closed to viewing after 4PM Friday (unless otherwise posted) and while judging is in progress. The room will reopen Saturday during normal convention hours for viewing.
12. For the protection of the entries, no bags, purses, camera bags, or drinks will be allowed in the model/photo display area. You are welcome to take photos for your personal use.

B. Categories

1. Arts and Crafts General – Other than Railroadana, Needlework or Theme. Can be from a kit (which includes plans, instructions and materials), Pattern (where the entrant acquires materials separately), or an original design from the entrant. Please specify kit, pattern or original on entry form.
2. Arts and Crafts Railroadana – Same as General except entry must have a railroad motif. Please specify kit, pattern or original on entry form.
3. Arts and Crafts Needlework – Same as General except entry is a type of stitchery (knitting, embroidery, needlepoint, sewing, etc.). Please specify kit, pattern or original on entry form.
4. Arts and Crafts 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*. Please specify kit, pattern or original on entry form.

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 Crafts Judge's Score Sheet.
 - a. Construction and Materials (maximum of 50 points)
 - b. Difficulty/Complexity (maximum of 30 points)
 - c. Finish and 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 to all articles that score 87.5 points in all categories that did not receive a First (1st), Second (2nd) or Third (3rd) place ribbon.
4. Most Popular will receive a plaque. This is based on the entry receiving the highest number of votes from the ballots submitted in the ballot box located in the Contest Room. It can come from any category.
5. Novice Best of Show will receive a plaque. Highest point scoring article (with a score of 87.5 or better) that has never placed First (1st) with a score of 87.5 in any LSR (Region Level) or NMRA (National Level). Please check Novice box on entry form.
6. Youth and Teen Award will receive a plaque, to help promote youth participating in the hobby. Anyone in the age group specified may enter. These awards will only be presented if a qualified entry is in the contest.
 - a. Youth – open to all youth under 12 years of age.
 - b. Teen – For ages 13 – 17 years of age.
7. Best of Show will receive a plaque. Is the entry receiving the highest point total on the judges score sheet, from all the entries in the Arts and Crafts contest.