

Arts and Crafts Rules

Thousand Lakes Region (TLR) of the National Model Railroad Association (NMRA)
(adapted from the Lone Star Region, NMRA)

A. General Rules

1. The Arts and Crafts Contest is open to anyone who is registered at a TLR Region Convention. Entries may be made by proxy as long as the forms are properly completed by the entrant.
2. Each entry must be accompanied by the NMRA Contest Entry Form (Form 901) signed by the entrant along with the TLR Arts and Crafts Judging form.
3. There will be no restriction on the number of articles entered by a single entrant, nor shall any entry fee be charged.
4. 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 Director to make sure appropriate space will be available.
5. Items that have won First (1st) place at a previous Regional or National NMRA contest are ineligible.
6. The claim check from the NMRA Contest Entry Form (Form 901) must be presented to obtain the article after the contest.
7. Reasonable care and protection will be provided for entries by the Host Committee and the Judges.
8. Neither the TLR nor 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 NMRA Contest Entry Form.
9. No entries will be accepted after 5 PM on Friday (unless otherwise posted). This will allow the Region Contest Director and the Host Convention Committee time to ready the room for judging.
10. The Celebration Room will remain closed to viewing during judging (Saturday) (unless otherwise posted). The room will reopen Saturday following judging for viewing.
11. 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 Railroadiana, Needlework 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. Photographs are not allowed, instead these must be entered in the Photography Contest according to the relevant rules.
2. Arts and Crafts Railroadiana – 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.

C. Judging

1. Judging will be done by a team of judges.
2. Points are awarded in the following categories listed on the TLR/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 will be awarded for First (1st) place in each category.
2. Certificates will be awarded for Second (2nd) and Third (3rd) place in each category.
3. Best of Show will receive a plaque. It is the entry receiving the highest point total on the judges score sheet, from all the entries in the Arts and Crafts contest.