



NATIONAL POWWOW XV
HENDRICKS COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
DANVILLE, INDIANA
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Arts and Crafts Competition and Exhibition July 9, 2011 Rules and Guidelines

The purpose of the National Powwow Arts and Crafts Competition and Exhibition is to highlight and showcase American Indian style art and craftwork and to celebrate those artists who excel in this realm by recognizing the best craftsman in each category and to award one exceptional artist with the 13th Les Bircher Memorial Award for Craftsmanship, first instituted at the 3rd National Powwow in 1975.

The crafts competition at National Powwow 15 will be divided into the following categories:

- 1) Professional – American Indian style art and craftwork serve as a significant means of income
- 2) Advanced
- 3) Intermediate
- 4) Novice

Every participant – except those in the professional category – is eligible to win the **Les Bircher Memorial Award for Craftsmanship**. The Bircher Award is to be given to the best non-professional craftsman exhibiting the best work at National Powwow 15.

Please note, there is no “advanced or pre-National Powwow XV” registration for the Arts and Crafts Exhibition/Competition. All registration will take place at National Powwow XV in Danville, Indiana. Registration information will be available on-site beginning Wednesday, July 6. Packets will be available until Grand Entry on Friday evening, July 8.

Guidelines

1. All persons participating in the 2011 National Powwow Arts and Crafts Competition and Exhibition must be registered participants of National Powwow XV. The NPW XV Registrar will be consulted should it be necessary to verify participant registration status. No day visitors will be permitted to participate.
2. All participants will obtain the Arts and Crafts Competition and Exhibition packet and complete all of the forms contained therein. Some forms will need to be turned into the registrar prior to the competition. Registration numbers inside the packet must be placed on display with the items. Several of the forms will be collected and used in the tabulation process to assist in determining Competition winners.
3. The exhibitors will be limited to displaying five (5) items. If several items comprise a "set," the "set" will be considered as one item. The Arts and Crafts Competition and Exhibition chairman will have the final determination on whether items make up a "set".
4. Judges and past Bircher Award winners may compete for the Bircher Award. The exception will be those persons exhibiting in the "Professional" category .
5. Display space is limited to 96" x 36". National Powwow will not provide any tables or chairs; participants are required to provide their own.
6. Exhibitors are responsible for the safety and security of their displayed items. Please have someone with your exhibit at all times. While National Powwow XV will do its best to protect the displayed items, it assumes no liability for any damage and/or loss that may occur.
7. Items that may contain components from proscribed (illegal) species may not be displayed. Exhibitors showing items containing proscribed components will be asked to remove them from their display. Please check both federal and state regulations to determine if your craft items contain parts of illegal species.
8. Please limit your items to those that have not been displayed at previous National Powwows.