RDA NorthWest Arts & Crafts Competition 2020

**Who can enter?**

Open to all participants, of all ages in RDA NorthWest Region (Cheshire, Greater Manchester, Isle of Man, Lancashire and Merseyside).

**How do groups take part?**

The Arts & Crafts competition is usually part of the RDA National Championships, which has unfortunately been cancelled this year. However Arts & Crafts is something that we can all do at home whilst in isolation, so RDA NorthWest is going to run the competition according to the National Championship classes **BUT** then take a photograph(s) of your artwork and e-mail them to: RDANW.ArtsandCraftsCompetition@gmail.com before midnight on Sunday 10th May 2020. The images will then be circulated to judges. Winners will receive a rosette and photos of the winning entries in each class will be posted on RDA NorthWest Facebook page.

Entry is FREE!!

**How will the Artwork be marked?**

Entries in all classes should have an overall equestrian theme, but will not lose marks if they do not clearly feature RDA specifically. Entries will be judged on the 5 criteria below:

1. Relevance to Class

2. Composition and eye for subject

3. Originality and imagination

4. Use of colour and materials

5. Overall impression

**Definition of Artwork Types**

**Paintings/Drawings:** Artwork must be produced using pens, inks, crayons, pencils or similar, with no details stuck on, or extra embellishments added.

**Photography:** Entries in this class must be photographs taken by the entrant themselves, to show off their photography skills. Still digital or analogue camera (film) prints acceptable. Please ensure that written permission has been obtained from any people featured (if applicable) before sharing any images. Please do not frame pictures with glass, or use heavy or fragile frames.

**Collages:** Artwork must be created by sticking different materials such as photographs, pictures, coloured paper, fabric etc. onto paper or card, canvas, a sheet of fabric etc. Collage classes will also encompass embroidery pieces, on a flat canvas or cloth. Work must be one-sided and be wall-mountable. Please do not frame pictures with glass, or use heavy or fragile frames.

**Sculptures:** Artwork can be in any material. Sculpture classes will also include any textile work that is multi-dimensional and not flat. Please note the size restrictions for these classes, and the portability of the artwork.

**INDIVIDUAL ENTRIES ONLY.** Although group entries are usually permitted in most classes, due to current social isolation restrictions “group” entries will only be accepted from participants who live in the same household.

**Class 68: (JUNIOR & SENIOR sections)**

**Paintings and Drawings – Individual**

Entries in this class can be made using watercolours, oils, acrylics, pencil, crayon, pen and ink or pastel etc. Please do not frame pictures with glass, or use heavy or fragile frames. **Maximum size A1**

**Class 69: (JUNIOR & SENIOR sections)**

**Collage – Individual**

Please do not frame pictures with glass, or use heavy or fragile frames. **Maximum size A2.**

**Class 71: (JUNIOR & SENIOR sections)**

**Sculpture – Individual**

**Class 73: (JUNIOR & SENIOR sections)**

**Photography Class – Individual (photos must be taken by the participant themselves)**

Black & white or colour entries welcome.

**Class 74: (JUNIOR & SENIOR sections) NEW FOR 2020 ONLY!**

**A Picture for The RDA National Training Centre – Individual**

Your chance to design an extra special picture to decorate RDA National Office! Entries must be no larger than A2 size, and be paintings, drawings or lightweight collages only. Please do not frame pictures with glass, or use heavy or fragile frames. You can be as creative and imaginative as you like, following a general equestrian theme, of course.

**LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. DEADLINE Midnight 10/5/2020**

**Participants may compete as a JUNIOR until the end of the year in which they are 16, after that they will be classed as a SENIOR.**

**Entries are limited to one entry per class, per participant.** (You don’t have to enter all classes) You can practise as many times as you like but just send us your best!