Midwest Regional Button Association

Fall 2023 Awards List (with classification number update to award #9)

Award #	Div	Classification #	Size	Description	Submitted by	Award Amount
				Presentation Awards		
1	9	11-8	20 AS	Shell, working methods assorted. Limit of two studio buttons.	MRBA	15.00 10.00 5.00
2	9	11-8	20 AS (L)	Novice award, same as award #1, but <i>limited to those</i> who have won five blue ribbons or less in any button competition.	MRBA	15.00 10.00 5.00
3	3	23-11.1.1	20 AS	Studio Jasperware. Best variety of artists (3 points each), pictorial whole classes (2 points each), actual base colors, NOT OVERPAINT (2 points each), and shapes (1 point each). 20% guideline does not apply.	MRBA	15.00 10.00 5.00
4	3	23-11.1.1	20 AS (L)	Novice award, same as award #3, but <i>limited to those</i> who have won five blue ribbons or less in any button competition.	MRBA	15.00 10.00 5.00
5	9	15-5	20 AS	Unlisted materials, specialized to gemstones. May include gemstones of organic origin (e.g., coral, petrified wood, etc.) along with gemstones of inorganic origin (e.g., amethyst, turquoise, garnet, etc.). No balance of organic and inorganic required. Limit of two studio buttons.	MRBA	15.00 10.00 5.00
6	9	23-12	20 AS (L)	Unlisted types, specialized to any material and/or OME that imitates stone, gemstones, rocks, minerals, and petrified organic materials. No balance required. Optional labeling of material being imitated will help the judging process. Novice award, <i>limited to those who have won five blue ribbons or less in any button competition.</i>	MRBA	15.00 10.00 5.00
				Special Awards Division I		
7	1	7-1.4	42 Small	Clear and colored glass swirlbacks.	Minnesota State Button Society	15.00 10.00 5.00
8	1	9-0	25 AS	Horn Assorted	Illinois State Button Society	15.00 10.00 5.00
				Special Awards Division II		
9	2	1-9 + 2-6	25 AS	Transportation, US and Foreign. No balance required.	Buckeye State Button Society	15.00 10.00 5.00
				Special Awards Division III	2	
10	3	12-1.3	24 M/L	Synthetic Polymers, specialized to <u>applejuice</u> phenolic resin (Bakelite, Catalin, etc.).	Indiana State Button Society	15.00 10.00 5.00

Assorted materials specialized to spindle shapes, including modified. Refer to NBB July 2014 pg. 131; see NBB Oct. 2014 pg. 148 for qualifying spindles. Labeling not required but helpful. No extra points for modified spindles. Buttons produced in various countries. Label as to the country of origin (the country it was produced in, not the country it represents). Examples would be French tights, Norwegian pewter, Mexican silver, Czech glass. Baskets & Blooms. Materials assorted, specialized to baskets and flowers assorted. You must have 12 buttons with flowers (single or multiple), 8 buttons with baskets (with or without contents), but you must have at least one empty basket. No more than 10 realistic buttons. Shell assorted. Label and mount in class order. In recognition of the shell industry along the Mississippi River. Objects assorted. Emphasis on objects named/listed in the Blue Book Classification Section 18. Other objects allowed, but more points for those named/listed. Labeling required but not placement in order. Materials secondary.	12 §
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Special Awards Division VII-A, Junior Juniors	
Pearls & Gems Theme Award. Specialized to any material and/or OME that imitates stone, gemstones, rocks, minerals, and petrified organic materials. No balance required. Optional labeling of material being imitated will help the judging process. No limit on realistic or studio buttons.	17 7
Special Awards Division VII-B, Intermediate Juniors	
Pearls & Gems Theme Award. Specialized to any material and/or OME that imitates stone, gemstones, rocks, minerals, and petrified organic materials. No balance required. Optional labeling of material being imitated will help the judging process. No limit on realistic or studio buttons.	18 7
Just for Fun Award	

Not judged, but must be on a 9 x 12 card. 'Buttons I treasure'.

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1-10 buttons, any size or material. Share a look at a few of your favorite buttons. Have fun with the concept of 'treasure'. Open to all entrants regardless of age.

3 tray limit for showroom dealers and MRBA board members. You must be a member of a MRBA state in order to enter trays in competition.

The Midwest Regional Button Association is not responsible for damage to trays or buttons during the judging process.