

2026 District 7 Convention & Lodge Meeting

Cultural Exhibit Guidelines

Hosts: Nordlys and North Star Lodges

29-30 May 2026

GUIDELINES FOR THE SONS OF NORWAY CULTURE COMPETITION AND EXHIBIT

Each Biennial District Convention provides an opportunity for the talented members of District 7 to exhibit the great pieces of folk art for other members to see. You may enter your pieces such as rosemaling, weaving, needlework, knitting, crocheting, carving, photography, painting or other crafts as part of the judged competition or display only. However, we would like to make it easy for you, as well as for the onsite workers, by having you complete the paperwork *prior* to arrival at the convention hotel. Bring your item(s) with you or send it with a delegate but please do not mail items. Make sure if you are sending items with someone else that they pick them up at the conclusion of the Convention and bring them back to you.

Please complete the three (3) forms provided and bring with you (or send with your Lodge delegate). It is important to complete and bring ALL these forms.

Page 1 – **Registration Form:** Will record who is providing the items and what categories your items will be displayed or judged. You may submit up to two (2) items per category.

Page 2 – **Waiver:** The Cultural Room will be locked or have supervisory volunteers on site when the room is open to the public and reasonable care will be taken to safeguard all items.

Page 3 – **Identification Labels:** Complete one label for each of your items and have it attached to your item. The bottom of each of the labels should be folded under so it cannot be seen by the judges. Once judging is complete, the bottom will be unfolded so people may see who produced the item.

The District Cultural Director, Rosie Barlak, has overall authority over the Cultural Display at the Convention. If you have questions for Rosie, she can be reached at rbarlak@island.net . If you have questions specific to the Cultural Room at the Convention, the Cultural Room Co-ordinator (to be determined) can be contacted.

CRITERIA FOR THE SONS OF NORWAY CULTURE COMPETITION AND EXHIBITION

Any Sons of Norway member may submit items for the competition or just for exhibit. Work must be completed by the person submitting them, in the two-year period just prior to the Convention and Lodge Meeting. Entries are limited to two (2) items per category.

CLASS

Heritage (Youth)	Participant under the age of 16 years, regardless of experience
Unger Venner	Participant between the ages of 16 and 23 years, regardless of experience
Novice Adult	Participant who has been involved in the skill for less than two (2) years and has not won a first-place ribbon in this skill
Advanced Adult	Participant who has been involved in the skill for more than two (2) years or who has won a first-place ribbon in this skill
Professional	Participant who teaches classes or who sells items in the category they are entering
Exhibition Only	Participant can submit an entry without entering the competition

CATEGORY

1. Rosemaling
2. Fiber Arts
 - a. Hardangersom
 - b. Needlework
 - c. Klostersom, diamontsom, others with Nordic theme
 - d. Needlework – bunads
 - e. Hand Knitting
 - f. Crocheting, tatting
 - g. Quilts
 - h. Nalbinding
 - i. Felting
 - j. Weaving
3. Woodworking
 - a. Figure Carving
 - b. Relief Carving
 - c. Chip Carving
 - d. Acanthus Carving
 - e. Open Woodworking in Nordic tradition such as bentwood boxes, turned bowls, etc
4. Optional Works such as:
 - a. Photos/Pictures
 - b. Knife Making
 - c. Wheat Weaving
 - d. Painting
 - e. Leatherwork
5. Memory Book Contest – criteria is available online in the District #7 Resource Book Section
6. Lodge Newsletter Contest – criteria is available online in the District 7 Resource Book Section 3

Registration Form

Please Complete both sides of this Form:

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ POSTAL CODE: _____

TELEPHONE: _____ LODGE NO: _____

Category: (Rosemaling, Knitting, etc.) _____

Class: (Professional, Novice Adult, Heritage, etc.) _____

Description of Item: (e.g. Bowl, red, 7" diameter) _____

Entry for: _____ Competition _____ Exhibition Only

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WAIVER OF RESPONSIBILITY

I, the undersigned, hereby acknowledge that Sons of Norway and its representative personnel (including but not limited to Lodge/District people, volunteers) shall not be held liable for damage or loss of the item(s) I am entering in the Sons of Norway District 7 Convention Cultural Competition and Display. I do hereby waive any claim against Sons of Norway, and its representative personnel, for any damage, breakage, marring, scratching or other losses which may occur to the item(s) I enter in the Sons of Norway Cultural Competition and Display.

Date: _____

Signature of Artist: _____

Item: _____

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Item: _____

Item: _____

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2. Class (Professional, Novice Adult, Heritage, etc.):

3. Descrip. of item (e.g., Bowl, red 7" dia.):

4. Enter item as:
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