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## The Worshipful Company of Turners

### **THE BERT MARSH PLAIN TURNING COMPETITION FOR COMPANY LIVERYMEN AND FREEMEN**

**This Competition will be held at Carpenters' Hall, Throgmorton Avenue, London, EC2N 2JJ  
on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2016  
with entries to remain exhibited as part of Wizardry in Wood 2016  
Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October to Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2016**

These competitions are held in memory of Bert Marsh who did a great deal to organise and judge previous competitions. He was a great enthusiast and company members are strongly encouraged to put aside any inhibitions and take part

#### **RULES AND CONDITIONS**

1. Entrants must be Liverymen or Freemen of the Worshipful Company of Turners.
2. The entries must be examples of Plain Turning in any materials. Any materials may be used with the exception of ivory or any woods or materials that contravene the CITIES convention (<https://www.cities.org/>).
3. If the entry is made of metal, then it must be of a decorative character - not an engineering component or product.
4. The entry must be the work of the competitor, except for commercially made components, such as screws.
5. Each entrant may submit up to six items.
6. The Competition will be in two sections: an Open Section and a Novice Section.
7. Liverymen should not be coy about entering the novice section. The title is engraved on the trophy! Liverymen and Freemen who turn for a hobby and have limited experience should regard themselves as a novice. A novice who has been awarded a prize in the novice section of the competition on a previous occasion should enter the open competition.
8. A First Prize of a Bert Marsh Trophy and a second prize for the runner-up will be awarded in each section.
9. No competitor will be awarded more than one prize.
10. The items must not have been entered for any other competition of the Company.
11. This competition will be judged by the Master whose decision will be final and he will not enter into any discussion on the results.
12. Entry forms may be obtained from Clerk of the Turners' Company or from the Company website. Completed forms must be returned to the Clerk by 12<sup>th</sup> September 2016.
13. Each entry must be signed and dated on the base and a label, clearly stating the name of the competition for which it is entered, must be affixed over the makers name so that the piece remains anonymous.

14. Delivery of entries. Entries must be:

- **delivered** to the Reception Steward at Carpenters' Hall between 9.30 am and 11.30am on the morning of October 11<sup>th</sup> 2016; or,
- **mailed or otherwise delivered** to the Clerk at the Company's address above to arrive no later than Friday 7 October 2016; or,
- **mailed or otherwise delivered** to one of the reception centres (addresses and details to be announced elsewhere on the website).

15. An adhesive marker (or equivalent) unique to the competitor will be applied to the underside of each entry so that anonymity is maintained until the judging has been completed.

16. Each entry must be accompanied by a typed postcard describing the entry (in particular the wood and finish used); the asking price if it is being offered for sale; and, if the competitor wishes, their contact/business card. These will be exhibited after the competition has been judged. The company reserves the right to withhold any promotional material which is too large or not in keeping with these guidelines.

17. Entries offered for sale will be subject to a 15% commission without further credit-card charges.

18. Prize winning pieces will be identified as soon as practicable after judging has been completed.

Competitors will be invited to view the competitions (but not Wizardry in Wood) between 3.30pm and 5.00pm on 11 October 2016.

19. Prize winners will be published on the Company's website on Wednesday 12 October 2016.

20. The award ceremony for prize winners will take place at 3.00pm on Saturday 15 October 2016.

21. All competitors will be issued with two complimentary tickets to Wizardry in Wood for Saturday 2016 and may attend the award ceremony before collecting their pieces.

22. All entries not retained by the Company must be removed from Carpenter's Hall only between 4.00pm and 5.00pm on the afternoon of Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2016. Un-collected entries will be returned by pre paid mail or via one of the reception centres.

23. Competitors are responsible for the adequate packaging of their work; an appropriately sized cardboard or wooden box must be provided for all entries, which must be marked clearly with the competitor's name and address.