

2026 District 2 Folk Art Competition & Exhibition



Greetings, Artists!

Sons of Norway District 2 is pleased to invite all members to participate in the 2026 Folk Art Exhibition & Competition in Bremerton, WA, May 27-30. All members are encouraged to display their folk art skills.

Members may choose to compete, exhibit or both, and everyone who enters could win a variety of awards including First, Second and Third place ribbons, as well as the People's Choice award and the Best in Show award for the judges' favorite item.

This guide will take you step by step through all the rules and procedures for entering your work. Because space is limited, pre-registration is the only way to guarantee that your item will be included in the event.

Timeline

May 1, 2026: Registration and Waiver forms due to Poulsbo Sons of Norway.

May 28, 2026: All items must be delivered to the Kitsap Conference Center in Bremerton to the Convention Folk Art Committee **by noon**.

Please note that it is not possible to send your items through the mail to the convention site. If you cannot bring your item yourself, please ask a delegate from your lodge to bring your items to the convention. To find out who your lodge delegates are, contact your lodge president.

Registration questions may be directed to:

Poulsbo Sons of Norway
360-779-5209
info@poulsbosonsofnorway.com

Rules

Entering the Contest

- Participants must be current Sons of Norway members
- It is not necessary to attend the convention in order to participate in the Folk Art Exhibition & Competition. If you will not be attending, you may send your work along with a delegate from your lodge or district. DO NOT send your artwork to Poulsbo Sons of Norway.
- Each item must have an identification label.
- Entries must fall into one of the following categories and be characteristically Norwegian.
 - Rosemaling
 - Norwegian weaving
 - Hardanger embroidery (by hand only)
 - Norwegian themed needlework (e.g. klostersonm, diamantsøm and other traditional needlework)
 - Hand knitting w/Norwegian design
 - Crocheting and tatting
 - Figure carving w/Norwegian theme using hand tools only
 - Relief carving w/Norwegian theme using hand tools only
 - Chip carving using hand tools
 - Bentwood using hand tools
 - Photography
 - Painting
 - Other w/Norwegian theme: Nålbinding, Knife-making, Stained Glass, Kolrosing, etc.
- There are four classes for each category:
 1. Heritage members 15 years old and under
 2. Youth age 16 to 20
 3. Adult professional including instructors of the craft and persons who sell their work
 4. Adult amateur who engage in a given craft activity as a pastime/ hobby and do not sell their work
- All items submitted must have been made by the registered person.
- All items must have been finished within the past two years (June 2024 – May. 2026).
- A member is allowed to enter a maximum of two items per category.
- All items must be delivered on site to the Convention Folk Art Committee **by noon on May 28**. Members who do not wish to compete may enter their items for exhibition only. Do so by indicating on your Registration Form.

Artist's signature

- All work should be discreetly signed so judges do not know which item is from whom.
- Rosemalers and wood carvers may sign their objects on the back side only – these signatures will be concealed during the judging.
- Paintings that have the artist's signature on the front will have tape placed over the name and will be at the artist's risk.

Selling of Exhibited Items

All participants are welcome to sell their items if they wish.

- Prices of items will need to be visible on the ID labels provided on line.
- Purchases will be made directly between artist and buyer. Sons of Norway will in no way be involved in the buying and selling of artwork.

Prizes

The judges will award:

- First, Second and Third Place ribbons for each competitive category as the judges see fit.
- One People's Choice award, chosen by popular vote
- One Best in Show award, chosen by the judges

How to Register

Follow these four steps to register for the Sons of Norway District 2 Folk Art Exhibition & Competition. If you have any questions about registration, please contact Poulsbo Sons of Norway at (360) 779-5209 or info@poulsbosonsofnorway.com.

Please note that it is not possible to mail your items to the convention site or Sons of Norway Poulsbo.

1. Complete the Registration Form and Waiver of Responsibility available on the convention website.
2. Send your registration form and waiver to:
Sons of Norway Poulsbo
Attn: Folk Art Exhibition & Competition
P.O. Box 653
Poulsbo, WA 98370
3. Complete the identification label(s) included with the registration forms online.
4. Fill out one ID label per item that you are entering.
5. Attach ID label directly to the item.
6. When arriving at the convention, bring the item and ID label together.

DO NOT send your ID label to Sons of Norway Poulsbo.

7. Bring your item or send it with a delegate to the District 2 Folk Art Exhibition & Competition.

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