



TUCSON GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY

To: Potential Competitive Exhibitor

Please join us at the 63rd Annual Tucson Gem and Mineral Show®, February 09-12, 2017. The numerous mineral collectors and visitors who enjoy viewing beautiful exhibits will appreciate your participation in the Show. Your competitive exhibit(s) will add greatly to the Show. The area for the competitive exhibits will be right at the center of the Exhibition Hall this year. This will really highlight your exhibit and the others who compete.

The Tucson Gem and Mineral Society and Show Committee are very interested in promoting interest in young exhibitors. Each junior age exhibitor, regardless of which exhibitor class they enter, will receive a \$100 check from Dr. Rob Lavinsky of The Arkenstone. He wishes to help encourage young collectors to exhibit and compete and this is his way of honoring those adults who helped him when he was a junior-age collector. The high point score by a junior-age exhibitor will receive a \$500 check and the second high point score will receive a \$300 check, regardless of the exhibitor category.

The various applications are included to enable you to enter competitively. If you need any additional information please write or call the TGMS Office or contact me directly. If you require additional applications, you may photocopy the attached forms or contact the TGMS Office for extra copies. You will also receive a Display Case Information Sheet.

The Tucson Gem and Mineral Show® theme for 2017 is **"Mineral Treasures of the Midwest."** Trophies will be awarded for the best specimen in each of five size categories and lapidary/jewelry in the Best of Theme competition. An individual is eligible to enter a specimen in each category. **A new category has been added for self-collected specimens and this is separate from the other six categories.**

The Show Committee awards the following five special trophies to honor those who have contributed to mineralogy and the collecting hobby:

1. The Desautels Trophy is for the "Best Case of Minerals in the Show,"
2. The Lidstrom Trophy is awarded to the best single specimen contained within a competitive exhibit.
3. The Yedlin Trophy is awarded to the best case of Master micromounts.
4. The Bideaux Trophy is awarded to the best single Arizona specimen entered in this competition.
5. The Romero Trophy is awarded to the best Mexican specimen or case in the Show.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Les Presmyk". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Les Presmyk
Competitive Exhibits Chairman

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GENERAL COMPETITION ENTRY APPLICATION

Your competitive application must be returned to the TGMS Office no later than December 5, 2016

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

City/State/Country/Zip: _____

ESend address: _____

<u>Exhibitor Group</u> (Mas, Adv, Nov, Jun-Mas, Jun)	<u>Division/Class No./Name</u>	<u>Case Size</u> (30" or 48")
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____

With the completion of this Competition Entry Form, it is mutually agreed that the Tucson Gem and Mineral Society, Inc., the Tucson Gem and Mineral Show® Committee, and the Tucson Convention Center shall not be liable to any exhibitor for loss of or damage to the exhibits described above from any cause; and that all claims are expressly waived.

Signature of Exhibitor

NOTE: All judging forms may be displayed on each exhibit.

WALT LIDSTROM MEMORIAL TROPHY COMPETITION APPLICATION

Your competitive application must be returned to the TGMS Office no later than December 5, 2016

Please enter the following specimen in the Lidstrom Competition. (See rules for this on page 14 of the handbook.)

Species _____

Locality _____

The specimen is part of my exhibit in Class B - _____

Send entry form to:

ATTN: Competitive Exhibits Chairman
Tucson Gem and Mineral Show®
P.O. Box 42588
Tucson, AZ 85733
Ph: (520) 322-5773 Fax: (520) 322-6031
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PAUL DESAUTELS TROPHY COMPETITION APPLICATION

Your competitive application must be returned to the TGMS Office no later than December 5, 2016

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

City/State/Country/Zip: _____

ESend address: _____

I will need _____ 30" case _____ 48" case supplied by TGMS.

WALT LIDSTROM MEMORIAL TROPHY COMPETITION APPLICATION

Your competitive application must be returned to the TGMS Office no later than December 5, 2016

Please enter the following specimen in the Lidstrom Competition. See rules for this competition below and on page 14 in the Competitive Exhibitor Handbook.

Species _____ Locality _____

With the completion of this Desautels/Lidstrom Trophy Competition Entry Form, it is mutually agreed that the Tucson Gem and Mineral Society, Inc., the Tucson Gem and Mineral Show® Committee, and the Tucson Convention Center shall not be liable to any exhibitor for loss of or damage to the exhibits described above from any cause; and that all claims are expressly waived.

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SPECIAL TROPHY COMPETITIONS

Rules of the Special Trophy Competitions

1. These competitions are open to any individual—not to institutions, clubs, groups, businesses or partnerships. The exhibitor must be the owner of the specimens shown.
2. Specimens shall be labeled correctly with name and location.
3. The only criterion for judging is the quality of the specimen(s). There will be no point score given and the decision of the judges shall be final.
4. **Repaired and Disallowed Specimens.**
 - A. Repaired specimens shall be allowed only under the following circumstances:
 - i. The repair shall be simply one of a crystal being glued back together or back onto the matrix.
 - ii. The label shall note the specimen is repaired. The exhibitor may include additional information about the repair on the judging sheet.
 - B. Disallowed or out-of-class specimens.
 - i. Synthetic, reconstituted, or oiled specimens.
 - ii. Minerals/Specimens embedded in plastic.
 - iii. Cracks have been filled with any type of material.
 - iv. Matrix that has been added to or altered.
 - v. Repairs not noted on the label.
 - vi. Micromounts are allowed only in micromount exhibits.
 - vii. Minerals pressed into a base to meet size requirements.

PAUL DESAUTELS MEMORIAL TROPHY

1. A minimum of twelve (12) specimens are required.
2. TGMS Cases (48" size) must be used in this competition. Exhibitors shall provide their own case liners and risers.
3. No individual can win the trophy more than once every three years.

WALT LIDSTROM MEMORIAL TROPHY COMPETITION

1. The specimen entered must be part of a competitive exhibit (excluding the Best of Theme and Bideaux Trophy competition). Only one specimen may be entered from any one exhibit.
2. The exhibitor shall also place an identification marker supplied by the Competitive Exhibits Chairperson next to the specimen to be judged.
3. No specimen can win the trophy more than once every three years.

RICHARD A. BIDEAUX MEMORIAL TROPHY

1. The specimen entered must come from Arizona
2. No specimen can win the trophy more than once every three years.
3. Only one specimen may be entered by an exhibitor.

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**RICHARD A. BIDEAUX MEMORIAL TROPHY
“BEST ARIZONA MINERAL” COMPETITION ENTRY APPLICATION**
Your competitive application must be returned to the TGMS Office no later than December 5, 2016

Name: _____ Date: _____
Address: _____ Phone: _____
City/State/Country/Zip: _____
Species _____ Locality _____

NEAL YEDLIN TROPHY COMPETITION APPLICATION
Your competitive application must be returned to the TGMS Office no later than December 5, 2016

Name: _____ Date: _____
Address: _____ Phone: _____
City/State/Country/Zip: _____
ESend address: _____

I will need _____ 30” case _____ 48” case supplied by TGMS.

Rules for this competition are page 16 of the Competitive Exhibitor Handbook.

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BEST OF THEME COMPETITION ENTRY APPLICATION
Your competitive application must be returned to the TGMS Office no later than December 5, 2016

“Mineral Treasures of the Midwest”

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

City/State/Country/Zip: _____

E-Mail address: _____

I will enter one specimen in each of the following categories:

_____ Cabinet - Greater than 5”(12.5cm) but smaller than 12”(30 cm)

_____ Small Cabinet - Greater than 2”(5 cm) but smaller than 5” (12.5 cm)

_____ Miniature - Fits within a 2”(5 cm) cube

_____ Toe-nail - Fits within a 1.5”(3.8 cm) cube

_____ Thumbnail - Fits within a 1” (2.5 cm) cube

_____ Lapidary/Jewelry

_____ Self-collected

NOTE: The specimens entered in these categories are not eligible to compete for the Lidstrom or Bideaux Memorial Trophies. Please read the rules concerning the eligibility of repaired specimens on page eight of the Competitive Exhibitor Handbook or the single sheet contained with this entry form.

Entries for Best of Theme competition will be accepted from 4:00pm until 6:00 pm, Wednesday, February 8, 2017.

All exhibitors shall sign a Competitive Exhibitor Agreement for these exhibits.

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TUCSON GEM AND MINERAL SHOW® COMPETITIVE EXHIBITOR AGREEMENT

This Agreement is entered into between the parties Tucson Gem and Mineral Society, Inc. hereinafter referred to as “TGMS” and _____ hereinafter referred to as “Exhibitor”. **(If Exhibitor is not an individual acting in his or her own individual capacity, please record whether you are a corporation, partnership or other entity and indicate your authority to act as agent for said entity.)**

1. **SPONSOR:** TGMS is the sponsor for the annual Tucson Gem and Mineral Show® also referred to as, “The Tucson Show” and hereinafter referred to as “Show” or “TGMS Show”. Exhibitor wishes to occupy and use an exhibit space at the 2017 TGMS Show. In consideration of the mutual Agreements contained herein, THE PARTIES DO HEREBY AGREE:

2. **EXHIBIT SPACE:** TGMS hereby grants to Exhibitor a license to occupy and use exhibit space, subject to all terms and conditions of this Agreement. **Only cases supplied by TGMS may be used, unless use of an alternative case is approved in advance of the Show and in writing by TGMS. Requests to use other display cases must be received in writing and reviewed by the Exhibits Chair prior to registration.**

3. **EXHIBIT SPACE PRIVILEGES:** Exhibitor agrees that only the person who placed said display material in the exhibit space shall be permitted to remove said material unless arrangements are made in writing prior to registration. Exhibitor agrees that after setup and the securing of cases (TGMS cases and/or glass cases) there will be no admittance to display cases other than to right a tipped-over specimen or label and such access will only be permitted as time constraints allow and with permission of the appropriate authority. Exhibitor of said case or specimen must be present to perform said correction. **Exhibitor agrees that no sales information will be displayed in exhibit space or near the exhibit space nor will Exhibitor use the exhibit space to sell material.** Cases are not to be opened for removal or exchange of material during the course of the Show. Exhibitors leaving display material or specimens under the display tables during the course of the TGMS Show do so at their own risk.

4. **SHOW HOURS AND LOCATION:** The parties acknowledge that the 2016 TGMS Show is scheduled to be held February 9 through 12, 2017 as follows:

Thursday, February 9, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.,

Friday, February 10, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.,

Note: School visits program begins at 9:00 a.m., Friday, February 10, 2017

Saturday, February 11, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.,

Sunday, February 12, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The TGMS Show shall be held at the Tucson Convention Center, 260 S. Church Avenue, Tucson, Arizona 85701. TGMS reserves the right to change these dates and times.

5. **EXHIBITOR REGISTRATION:** **It is important that you register.** At that time, you will pick up your IDs and you will receive any last minute information.

Wednesday, February 8, 2017, 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m. in the east end of the Galleria near the Church Street entrance of the Tucson Convention Center.

If you are unable to register at this time, **you must make alternate arrangements with your Exhibits Chair.**

6. **SETUP/STRIKE HOURS:** The parties agree that the move in, setup and strike hours are scheduled to be as follows:

Move in /Setup: Wednesday, February 8, 2017, from 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m.

Strike: Sunday, February 12, 2017, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Special arrangements for early or late setup require written consent from the Exhibits Chair. If the Exhibits Chair has not heard from you by 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 8, 2017, your case may be given to a standby exhibitor.

Strike will not begin before 5:30 p.m. Cases will be opened beginning at about that time. All Exhibitors are expected to be present at their displays from 5:30 p.m. until such time as they have removed their items from the cases. Although most cases will be opened when the Exhibitor of said case is present, there is no guarantee of this. Exhibitor understands and agrees that once the case has been opened, all materials are considered to be in Exhibitor's possession and TGMS has no responsibility for the materials. Any materials left after 8:00 p.m. will be deemed abandoned by Exhibitor. Exhibitors shall strictly adhere to any established setup and strike hours.

TGMS reserves the right to change these dates and times. In the event that TGMS changes the move in, setup, or strike dates or times, Exhibitor will be provided with substantially the same duration of time for move in, setup, and strike as is represented above.

7. **LOCATION OF EXHIBIT SPACE:** The exhibit space shall be determined by TGMS at its sole discretion. TGMS reserves the right to reassign the location of exhibit space as TGMS deems necessary.

8. **RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN TGMS AND EXHIBITOR:** Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, this Agreement shall not be construed to create any relationship between the parties as principal and agent, landlord and tenant, partnership, joint venture or anything other than licensor and licensee.

9. **SHOW IDs:** TGMS shall supply no more than **two** IDs per exhibit space. **Your IDs are non-transferable and IDs worn by unauthorized persons may be confiscated at the discretion of TGMS.** Exhibitor further agrees that such IDs must be worn at all times while in the Tucson Convention Center by the party to whom TGMS has issued the ID. **Because of heightened security issues, if requested, you must be able to present a photo ID.** Only appropriate agents of TGMS shall have authority to issue and replace IDs. Lost IDs must be reported immediately to TGMS.

Exhibitor Helper badges are available by request for move in/setup **only** (Wednesday, February 8, 2017 from 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m.) and strike (Sunday, February 12, 2017 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.). **Requests must be made to the Exhibits Chair for Helper badges.**

10. **SECURITY:** TGMS shall provide general premises security. TGMS assumes no responsibility or liability for any loss of any kind, which includes, but is not limited to, any loss and/or damage to Exhibitor or Exhibitor's property caused by act of any person; by any natural disaster or by any other event. Exhibitor agrees to hold TGMS harmless from any losses that may occur at whatever time.

11. **SHOW CANCELLATION BY TGMS:** TGMS shall use its best efforts to organize and hold the TGMS Show. However, in the event TGMS, in its sole discretion, determines that the TGMS Show shall not be possible, TGMS shall have the right to terminate this Agreement by giving verbal and/or written notice, as soon as practicable, to the Exhibitor of the cancellation to said TGMS Show and of the termination of this Agreement.

12. **SMOKING:** Smoking will not be allowed in the Tucson Convention Center. The Tucson Convention Center is a smoke free facility, including restrooms and loading docks.

13. **JURISDICTION/DISPUTE:** Exhibitor agrees that this Agreement shall be construed and governed in accordance with the laws of the State of Arizona. Should a dispute arise between the parties in regards to this Agreement requiring the parties, whether one or both of them, to employ an attorney to enforce their rights, title and interests under this Agreement, the prevailing party shall be awarded reasonable attorney's fees and costs incurred.

14. **BINDING EFFECT:** Both parties agree that this Agreement shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the successors in interest and assigns of the parties hereto.

15. **INDEMNITY:** Both parties agree to conduct their activities so as to not endanger any person who is lawfully involved with the Show on any premises involved herein. Both parties agree to indemnify, defend, save and hold harmless the other party, each party's employees, officers, officials, and insurance carriers, individually and collectively, from all losses, claims, suits, demands, expenses, subrogation, attorney's fees or actions of any kind and nature resulting from the personal injury to any person (including bodily injury and death) or damages to any property, arising or alleged to have arisen out of one such party's negligent performance of the terms of this Agreement, or by any acts or omissions of such party.

16. **NOTICE:** Both parties agree that unless otherwise notified of a change of address, all notices, approvals, requests or other correspondence in connection with this Agreement shall be sent by regular mail to the parties at the following address:

Tucson Gem and Mineral Society, Inc.
P.O. Box 42588
Tucson, Arizona 85733

17. **ENTIRE AGREEMENT:** This Agreement constitutes the entire Agreement between the parties and supersedes any and all prior oral or written Agreements of the parties.


Tucson Gem and Mineral Society, Inc. 09/06/16
Date

Exhibitor Authorized Signature (print & sign) Date

If Exhibitor is not an individual acting in his or her own individual capacity, please record whether you are a corporation, partnership or other entity and indicate your authority to act as agent for said entity.

(ATTACH ADDITIONAL PAGE IF NEEDED)

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Fax: _____ Email: _____

Where you can be reached while in Tucson: _____

2017 Tucson Gem and Mineral Show®

Competitive Exhibitor ID'S

Return the Show ID Form along with your Competitive Exhibitor Agreement to TGMS by December 5, 2016. Please print or type.

List the names of the individuals who will **actually be responsible for the Competitive Exhibit**. "Guest Helper" badges for set up and strike will be available upon request from your Competitive Exhibits Chair at registration. You will be allowed no more than **two** IDs per exhibit space.

Name of Individual Competing:

Names on the IDs (please print first and last name):

1. _____

2. _____

Only Tucson Gem and Mineral Show® IDs will be honored, and must be worn at all times, including set up and strike.

Competitive Exhibitor:

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Competitive Exhibitor Handbook



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COMPETITIVE EXHIBITOR HANDBOOK

TUCSON GEM AND MINERAL SHOW®

Revised July 28, 2016

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Competitive Exhibits Chairperson
Tucson Gem and Mineral Society, Inc.
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Preface

This handbook contains information and rules for all competitive exhibits for the annual Tucson Gem and Mineral Show®. Competitive categories are Minerals (Division B), Micromount Minerals (Division C), Fossils (Division F), Educational (Division E), Special Trophies and Best of Species or Theme.

This handbook should suffice for most exhibits entered in competition. If additional information is needed, please refer to the AFMS Regional Uniform Rules (current edition) which will serve as a reference for any area not specifically covered. The AFMS rules book should be available from any club affiliated with the AFMS, or may be ordered from any of the Regional Federations.

Why Competition?

Competition under the TGMS and the AFMS Uniform Rules is a COMPARISON to a standard of excellence. Competitive scores are intended to tell the exhibitor how closely his or her display approaches this standard. A display is NOT to be judged by comparison with its competitors. Each display is individually measured according to the current standard of excellence as perceived by the judges. The point score that results reflects the achievement of the exhibitor.

Careful study of the rules and continued mental comparison by the exhibitor of his or her own display against a standard of excellence is certain to raise the exhibitor's estimate of what is excellent. An exhibitor can further profit by comparing his or her display with others in the same class, noting scores and the comments of the judges.

It is hoped the exhibitor, whether or not a ribbon or trophy is won, will feel rewarded by a gain in knowledge and experience.

Sportsmanship

When you enter competition, you accept the rules established by the Tucson Gem and Mineral Society and the current AFMS Uniform Rules; AS THEY ARE WRITTEN. When you sign your exhibit application you make this commitment. Therefore, it is important you abide by them and conduct yourself with decorum. Sportsmanlike conduct does not mean you are prohibited from making an inquiry about comments or deductions you do not understand. It does mean you make such inquiry through the proper channels and with the same good manners you would expect people to exhibit toward you, if you were doing the explaining.

It is reasonable for exhibitors, with the best motivation, to request conferences with the judges of their display, to go over and better understand the suggestions for improvement. Such conferences will generally take place on the Show floor Saturday morning as arranged through the Competitive Exhibits Chairperson.

It is also your right to appeal a miscalculation in the evaluation. This is done by personally contacting the Competitive Exhibits Chairperson. The Competitive Exhibits Chairperson, or their designee, will make the decision and that decision will be final.

Judges are limited and bound by the rules in exactly the same way as you, the exhibitor. Judging instructions are not secret and are made available to exhibitors. Judges do not look for special things on which to slash scores. They use the same pointers that guide the exhibitor. Each exhibitor must realize the judges are giving their time to help, so friendliness and mutual understanding are necessary.

COMPETITIVE EXHIBIT INFORMATION

General Information for All Divisions

1. ELIGIBILITY: The term “Exhibitor” as used in these rules shall mean the permanent owner of the specimens and materials exhibited.
2. EXHIBITOR GROUPS: Five exhibitor groups are defined to provide more equitable competition. Previous awards in a lower group automatically advance an exhibitor to a higher group but an exhibitor also may enter as high a group as desired.
 - a. JUNIOR - A Junior is defined as having reached his or her 8th birthday and not yet reached his or her 18th birthday prior to the opening day of the Show. Junior members of a family are eligible to compete in this group regardless of the group their parents may enter. After receiving two first place awards or one Best Junior Trophy, Junior exhibitors MUST compete in a higher group if they wish to enter the same class again.
 - b. JUNIOR MASTER - For Junior exhibitors who have won two first place awards or one Best Junior Trophy and wish to enter the same class again. After receiving two first place awards or one Best Junior Master Trophy, Junior Master exhibitors must compete in a higher group if they wish to enter in the same class again. Scoring will be the same as the Novice group.
 - c. NOVICE - For adults who are beginning exhibitors, who have not won a first place award in any show in the class being entered or Junior Masters who have received awards as above. After receiving two first place awards or one Best Novice Trophy, a Novice must compete in the Advanced or Master group if they wish to enter in the same class again.
 - d. ADVANCED - The intermediate group for adult exhibitors. After receiving two first place awards or one Best Advanced Trophy, the Advanced exhibitor must compete in the Master group if they wish to enter in the same class again.
 - e. MASTER - The highest competitive group for all exhibitors.
3. COMPETITIVE DIVISIONS: Competitive classes are arranged in four divisions.

Division B - Minerals
Division C - Micromount Minerals
Division E - Educational
Division F - Fossils

4. AWARDS

- a. Each class of each competitive division and to each of the exhibitor groups competing in those classes there shall be awarded:
 - One ‘first place’ (blue) ribbon
 - One ‘second place’ (red) ribbon
 - One ‘third place’ (white) ribbon

provided that the minimum point scores have been achieved as listed under the section “Judging Procedures”.

- b. Plaques shall be awarded in each Exhibitor Group to the first place exhibit earning the highest point score in each competitive division and shall not be awarded if there are no first place winners. The plaques will be presented at the TGMS award presentation as noted in the Show program.
- c. Judges will award points based on the criteria for point scores listed under “Judging Procedures” in this handbook. The judges’ worksheets may be attached to the display case for public viewing to help educate exhibitors. The worksheets will be made available within 36 hours of the judging from the Competitive Exhibits Chairperson or at the Show’s Information Booth. The award and the entry division and class will be placed on display.
- d. WALT LIDSTROM MEMORIAL TROPHY - To honor the memory of Walt Lidstrom, noted mineral dealer and collector, TGMS, along with his family, present a trophy for the outstanding single mineral specimen which is part of a competitive exhibit (please see special rules).
- e. PAUL DESAUTELS MEMORIAL TROPHY - To honor the memory of Paul Desautels, curator, collector and connoisseur of fine minerals, TGMS presents a trophy for the individual display of the finest crystallized mineral specimens entered in this competition (please see special rules).
- f. BEST OF SPECIES OR THEME COMPETITION - Each year the TGMS Show Committee selects a mineral species or a mineral theme for special competition. Awards are given for the best specimen in each of five size categories, one award for lapidary/jewelry, and an award is given for the best Arizona specimen of the named species (please see special rules and listing of species).
- g. RICHARD BIDEAUX MEMORIAL TROPHY - To honor the memory of Richard Bideaux, collector, Arizona mineralogist and connoisseur of fine minerals, TGMS presents a trophy for the finest crystallized Arizona mineral specimen entered in this competition (please see special rules).
- h. NEAL YEDLIN MEMORIAL MICROMOUNT TROPHY - To honor the memory of Neal Yedlin, noted micromounter and mineral collector, TGMS presents a trophy for the individual display of micromounts achieving the highest score in the Masters Micromount Division.

5. EXHIBIT AREA and ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- a. Cases provided by TGMS are to be used by all exhibitors. Thirty-inch and forty eight-inch cases are available. The thirty-inch cases are probably most appropriate for micromount and thumbnail classes. Forty eight-inch cases may not be divided into two, two-foot displays. There are a limited number of thirty-inch cases available, so reserve early.
- b. Exhibitors must provide their own case liners and risers. Dimensions and instructions about display cases are presented later in the handbook.
- c. The name, initials, or any other identification of the exhibitor must NOT appear in or on exhibits before judging has been completed. Identification can be placed in an exhibit as early as the morning after the judging.

- d. Ribbons will be placed in the cases by the Competitive Exhibits Chairperson within 36 hours of judging and exhibitor identification can be added at that time. Please leave your exhibitor identification with the Chairperson at the check-in station.
- e. It is the Exhibitor's responsibility to study the enclosed information regarding the time and day your exhibit **MUST BE** ready and when the exhibits **MUST BE** removed and to adhere to these times.
- f. *LIABILITY. The Tucson Gem and Mineral Society, Inc. and the Show Committee will not assume any responsibility for loss of or damage to the exhibitor's property, materials, or specimens shown in competitive exhibits. Each owner must provide his or her own insurance or assume the risk. The hall will have security guards on duty for the entire period that exhibits are in the cases. TGMS cases have keyed locks and will be the only cases used.*

General Information

1. Specific information and rules for each competitive division are listed with class description as well as the judging points for each division.
2. Rules governing the special competitions are also listed in this handbook.
3. The entry forms for each competitive division are separate from this handbook.

DIVISION B – MINERALS and

DIVISION C - MICROMOUNT MINERALS

Classes for Mineral Exhibits

- B-1 Minerals, assorted, large cabinet size. Majority must be larger than **5” (13cm)**. No more than six (6) specimens smaller than **5” (13cm)** are allowed.
- B-2 Minerals, assorted, cabinet size, none larger than **5” (13cm)** in any dimension. No more than six (6) specimens smaller than **2” (5.1cm)** are allowed.
- B-3 Single crystals, with or without matrix. Twinned crystals are allowed.
- B-4 Pseudomorphs. Minerals that have replaced or taken the form of another mineral species. A coating of one mineral on another mineral is not considered a pseudomorph and will be ruled out-of-class.
- B-S Minerals, assorted, with a chemical element in common, such as all copper minerals, carbonates, etc.
- B-6 One mineral, species or one series. For example, all calcites, all wulfenites, or the vanadinite to mimetite to pyromorphite series. If one mineral species is shown, each specimen must differ from the others due to different localities, different crystal forms (specified on the label), and/or different mineral associations.
- B-7 Minerals from one locality; one mine, a mining district, a geographic or geologic province, one state, or one country.
- B-8 Minerals field collected by the exhibitor. The entire case must be field collected and labeled as such. Entries will be given bonus points in this category (see page with scores). TGMS hopes this will encourage field collectors to display new material.
- B-9 Miniature minerals, assorted, minimum of 20. Each specimen shall be displayed so that a **2” (5.1cm)** cube can be placed over it and the bottom edge of each side of the cube shall rest on the same flat surface as the specimen. No more than six (6) specimens smaller than **1.5” (3.8cm)** are allowed.
- B-10 Toe-nail minerals, assorted, minimum of 20. Each specimen shall be displayed so that a **1.5” (3.8cm)** cube can be placed over it and the bottom edge of each side of the cube shall rest on the same flat surface as the specimen. No more than six (6) specimens smaller than **1” (2.5cm)** are allowed.
- B- 11 Thumbnail minerals, assorted, minimum of 30. Each specimen shall be displayed so that a **1” (2.5cm)** cube can be placed over it and the bottom edge of each side of the cube shall rest on the same flat surface as the specimen. No micromounts are allowed.
- B-12 Open class. Use any class listed in the current edition of the AFMS Uniform Rules that is not listed here.

- C- 1 Micromount minerals, assorted, minimum of 20. Specimens in which the minerals to be judged, including individual crystals or some aspect of the crystals, are so small that magnification is required to view and identify them . Each exhibitor is encouraged to have a photo enlargement placed next to the specimen but the photographs will not be judged. The exhibitor shall do all the micromount work.

NOTE: If no maximum/minimum number of specimens is listed for a Class, the exhibitor should consider the appearance of the case when deciding how many pieces to show.

Rules for Mineral Exhibits

1. **QUALITY.** Judging will be based on the condition of crystals (freedom from bruises and flaws); size of crystals (typical of species); color (typical or exceptional for the species); aesthetics (arrangement of crystals); clarity (freedom from excess foreign material); and the visible amount of identified mineral(s) to be judged.
2. **LABELING.** Each specimen shall have a label showing the following information:
 - a. The name of the mineral species and the name of the variety of the species, if applicable.
QUARTZ variety AMETHYST or QUARTZ var. AMETHYST
Names shall not be modified by extra or descriptive words such as:
gray **GALENA** crystals.
Descriptive terms used to point out unusual features should be in parentheses.
AZURITE (pseudo-cubic crystals) or QUARTZ (Japan-law twin)
Exceptions: In Class B-6, one label may be used for the species name, but individual labels are required for locality or other pertinent information.
In Class B-7, one label may be used for the locality, but individual labels are required for mineral species and other pertinent locality information.
 - b. The locality of origin, with all available information. The name of the mine, mining district, etc., is desirable but not mandatory. Deductions will be made only for errors in state or country information.
 - c. Essential constituents and chemical formulas are not required. If used, they will not be judged for errors. Judges may point out any errors, but will not penalize.
 - d. Self-collected specimens **MAY** be identified as such. Bonus points are awarded in Class B-8 **ONLY**.
 - e. Deductions for labeling errors will be made for misinformation or misidentification, illegibility, incorrect spelling, and/or lack of required information. Lack of diacritical marks shall not constitute an error.
3. **RARITY.** Rarity will primarily be determined based on a species' natural abundance and worldwide availability. Secondly, the judge(s) may or may not award points for specimens exhibiting rare color, crystal size or some other characteristic exceptional for that species.

4. **SHOWMANSHIP.** Refers to the ability of the exhibitor to use the specimens exhibited, the background material and liners, arrangement, and labels (size, neatness, etc.) to create a display which will attract and hold the interest of the viewer.
5. **WORKMANSHIP AND ORIENTATION.** Refers to freedom from excess material and skill in preparation and presentation. Repairs (see below) are allowed but manufactured, altered, or enhanced specimens will be ruled out-of-class.
6. **GENERAL INFORMATION**
 - a. **General Classes:** Duplication of species or variety of species is permitted but limited to not more than three specimens and different localities, different crystal habit, association, etc. must be evident. For example, three azurite roses from the Czar Mine, Bisbee, Arizona will be considered duplication but three azurite roses, if there is one each from Chessy, Bisbee and Morenci will not.
 - b. **Pseudomorphs:** Replaced and replacing minerals shall be considered as a unit - duplication shall be charged only when there is duplication of a unit.
 - c. Lapidary treatment is not allowed on mineral specimens unless it is used to reveal desirable inclusions.
 - d. Repaired specimens shall be allowed only under the following circumstances.
 - i. The label shall note the specimen is repaired. The exhibitor may include additional information about the repair on the judging sheet.
 - ii. The repair shall be simply one of a crystal being glued back together or back onto the matrix.
 - e. **Disallowed (out-of-class) specimens:**
 - i. Synthetic, reconstituted, or oiled specimens.
 - ii. Minerals embedded in plastic or surfaces coated with added material.
 - iii. Cracks or gaps that have been filled with any type of material.
 - iv. Matrix that has been altered or added to.
 - v. Repaired specimens not noted on the label.
 - vi. Micromounts are allowed only in micromount and educational (with photos) exhibits.
 - vii. Minerals pressed into a base to meet size requirements.
 - viii. Crystal faces with lapidary treatment except where allowed and so noted.
 - ix. Crystals added to the specimen having not been there originally.

7. REFERENCES FOR MINERAL CLASSES

All species or variety names listed as valid in any of these references, regardless of order, shall be acceptable EXCEPT when shown to be incorrect in the Fleischer Glossary. These books are available in the TGMS library and shall be on hand at the judging.

- a. Glossary of Mineral Species, Michael Fleischer, current edition and subsequent revisions.
- b. Dana's System of Mineralogy, 7th Edition.
- c. Dana's Textbook of Mineralogy, 4th Edition.
- d. M. M. Hey's Chemical Index of Minerals and its 1963, 1975 appendix.
- e. The Encyclopedia of Minerals, by Roberts, Rapp, Jr., and Weber.

Judging Points for Division B - Minerals

Abbreviations used for judging points:

Q = Quality

L = Labeling

R = Rarity

S = Showmanship

O = Orientation

W = Workmanship

1. Junior, Novice, and Advanced Groups

Class(es)	<u>Q</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>O</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>Total</u>
B-1-B-II	75	10	5	10			= 100
C-1	55	10	5		5	25	= 100

B-12 Use the points as defined by AFMS rules for the class entered.

2. Master Group

<u>Class(es)</u>	<u>Q</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>O</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>Total</u>
B-1-B-11	85	6	3	6			= 100
C-1	65	10	5	5		15	= 100

B-12 Use the points as defined by AFMS rules for the class entered.

NOTE: Class B-8 entries shall be awarded one (1) bonus point per specimen on any specimen that scores an average of seven (7) or more Quality points. Maximum bonus points shall be ten (10).

Penalty Points

1. Labeling. One-half (1/2) point shall be deducted for each error but not to exceed the total points allowed.
2. Disallowed Specimens. Three (3) points shall be deducted for each disallowed (out-of-class) specimen, including duplication in excess of three. This deduction shall be subtracted from the total score awarded the exhibit. Disallowed specimens shall not be judged. If a disallowed specimen reduces the number of specimens below the stated minimum allowed, the whole case shall be disqualified.

RULES FOR DIVISION - EDUCATIONAL

Classes for Educational Exhibits

E - 1 Any aspect of the earth science hobby, or mixed exhibits in which no one aspect dominates.

1. **PURPOSE:** To teach and inform the viewing public about some aspect of the earth science hobby; to stimulate a high level of interest in minerals and other divisions; and to encourage high standards of educational effort in competition. Any theme that shall broaden understanding of the earth science field and hobby shall be acceptable for an exhibit

Displays in this division are intended to be a TEACHING MEDIA for the observer -- both public and the hobbyist. The application of these rules necessarily places great importance on the judge's appraisal of HOW WELL this display TEACHES.

2. **SHOWMANSHIP:** The ability of the exhibitor to use the specimens exhibited, background material/liners, arrangement, and labeling to attract and hold the interest of even a casual viewer. The neatness and attractiveness of the display, use and color of lining, labels, etc., all influence the impact of the display.
3. **LABELING:** The accuracy of labels. Labeling errors include illegibility, incorrect spelling and misinformation. One point shall be subtracted for each error up to a maximum of 15 points.
4. **EDUCATIONAL VALUE:** The clarity, effectiveness and excellence of the display in teaching and informing the observer of some aspect of earth science will be the judging criteria.
 - a. **Organization and presentation.** The effectiveness of the display in developing a single theme and carrying it clearly to a conclusion. The sequence shall be easy to follow and instructive. The point or purpose of the exhibit shall be clear and understandable. The theme should be clearly labeled in title form and the exhibit developed with originality to unify all materials used to support the theme. Depth of treatment and simplicity should both be sought; with the skill and planning of the exhibitor creating a balance that will appeal to and challenge the viewer.
 - b. **Accuracy and message.** This refers to the choice of an appropriate level of instruction which will inform the public without being too superficial or too complex. The use of diagrams, three-dimensional shapes, photos, and drawings reduces the need for lengthy explanations. The information presented must be accurate and points will be subtracted for inaccurate or inappropriate information.

Judging Points for Division E – Educational

<u>Class</u>	<u>Criteria</u>	<u>Points</u>
E - 1	Showmanship	25
	Labeling	15
	Organization and presentation	30
	Accuracy and message	<u>30</u>
	Total	100

RULES FOR DIVISION F - FOSSILS

Classes for Fossil Exhibits

- F-1 Animal Fossils
- F-2 Plant Fossils
- F-3 One Locality
- F-4 Fossils personally collected in the field by the exhibitor
- F-5 Assorted Fossils

Rules for Fossil Exhibits

1. **QUALITY.** Refers to specimens and preparation and attractiveness of the specimens, the perfection of the fossilized specimen, freedom from excess matrix, quality of repair work, and ease of identification by external form.
2. **LABELING.** All specimens shall bear a label showing:
 - a. Common name, if any (Nicknames not acceptable).
 - b. Scientific name (genus and species). If not described, so state.
 - c. Period (epoch for Cenozoic).
 - d. Locality; area and state; if foreign, the country.
3. **RARITY.** Refers to the current worldwide availability of each specimen being judged. A specimen is also rare if the species is seldom found at the locality or in the formation. Since references do not list current availability, judge's decision will be final.
4. **SHOWMANSHIP.** The ability of the exhibitor to use the fossils exhibited, the background material, labeling, and sufficiently attractive specimens to create a display that will hold the interest of the viewer.
5. **VARIETY OF MATERIAL.** Refers to the variety of life forms, time units, etc., represented in the exhibit, subject to the limitations of the exhibit.
6. **DISALLOWED (OUT-OF-CLASS) SPECIMENS.**
 - a. Fossils not of the type specified for the class.
 - b. Objects that are not valid fossils.
 - c. Fossils embedded in plastic.

References for Fossil Classes

- a. AFMS Approved List of Classifications and Common Names for fossils.
- b. U.S. Geological Survey Bulletins 896, 1200, 1350, and any subsequent bulletins/ or "Changes in Stratigraphic Nomenclature" by the U.S. Geological Survey for time and rock units.
- c. No single reference will identify all fossils to the genus and species level. The exhibitor must have the references that he or she used available for the judge's examination if requested.

Judging Points for Division F - Fossils

<u>Class</u>	<u>Q</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>Total</u>
All	40	30	10	10	10 =	100

JUDGING PROCEDURE AND GUIDELINES FOR THE TGMS COMPETITIVE EXHIBITS

Scoring for Awards - Awards will be based upon the following minimum point score achievement.

<u>Exhibitor Group</u>	<u>First Place</u>	<u>Second Place</u>	<u>Third Place</u>
Master	85	75	65
Advanced	75	65	55
Novice and Junior Master	65	55	45
Junior	60	55	45

Procedures for Mineral Judging - The judging procedure used by TGMS is designed to provide maximum feedback to the exhibitor on the quality of the minerals, as viewed by the judges. Each quality judge works independently of the other quality judges. Each of the other categories (labeling, rarity, etc.) is done by a different judge, or pair of judges, and each category is judged independently. Point scores will be awarded in the following manner:

1. **QUALITY.** Three judges and three clerks.
 - a. Each specimen will receive an individual score based on a 1 to 10 index. In descending order the rating system is as follows:

Score	Comment
10.	Excellent. Specimen is as good as the best specimens of the same size in museums or private collections that the judge has seen.
9	Very Good. Better specimens known to the judge in museums or private collections
8	Good. Nice specimen comparable to the average in good private collections or museums.
7	Fair. Numerous better specimens exist in good private collections or museums.
6	O.K. Not as good as most specimens in private collections. Upgrading suggested.
5	Inferior. Specimen is not quite competition quality, but useful for study purposes
4-0	Inadequate. Specimen is definitely not competition quality. No crystals are evident, damage is significant, aesthetics to do not exist.

- b. Total quality point score = [Total Quality Points Allowed X Total Judges' Points]/ [10 X # of Judges X # of Specimens]
- c. This rating system is designed to provide constructive feedback about the quality of the minerals. Please remember that the judges' evaluations have a certain amount of subjectivity.
- d. The judges' decisions are final.

2. LABELING - one or two judges.

Labels are judged for accuracy as provided by the rules. For each spelling or locality error, one-half (1/2) point will be deducted from the possible labeling points, up to the maximum allowed in each exhibitor category.

3. RARITY-one or two judges.

The judge will award points to specimens considered to be rare. All specimens shall be designated by a degree of rarity from 0 point (no comment required) to a maximum of 1 point. Points shall be generated on a ¼ point scale. If any three specimens receive a full rarity point each, then the full rarity points shall be awarded. If three specimens do not receive a full point each for rarity, then a simple accumulation of fractional points will accrue to the maximum points allowed.

4. SHOWMANSHIP - one or two judges.

Areas to be evaluated are the overall balance of the case, color balance, the use of risers, liners and labels, and the ability of the case to attract observers.

5. OTHER JUDGING CATEGORIES - one judge. Division C-1

This Division will be judged according to the guidelines established under the rules.

6. MISCELLANEOUS DEDUCTIONS.

Deductions for variety rule and disallowed (out-of-class) specimens is three (3) points per violation will be deducted from the total score awarded the exhibit. If a disallowed specimen reduces the number of specimens below the stated minimum allowed, the whole case shall be disqualified.

Procedures for Judging in Educational and Fossil Exhibits

These procedures and guidelines are outlined in the section concerning the exhibits.

WALT LIDSTROM MEMORIAL TROPHY

To honor the memory of Walt Lidstrom, noted mineral dealer and collector, this trophy will be awarded by TGMS to the outstanding single mineral specimen which is part of a competitive exhibit.

Rules of the Competition

1. The competition is open to any individual or couple--not to institutions, groups, clubs or businesses.
2. The specimen entered must be part of a competitive exhibit (excluding Best of Species/Theme and Bideaux competitions). Only one specimen may be entered from any one exhibit. The exhibitor must be the owner of the specimens shown.
3. The specimen to be judged shall be clearly described by species and locality on the entry form. The exhibitor will also place an identification marker supplied by the Competitive Exhibits Chairperson next to the specimen to be judged.
4. The only criterion for judging is the quality of the specimen. No point scores will be given and the decision of the judges will be final.
5. No specimen can win the trophy more than once every three years, regardless of ownership.
6. *The Tucson Gem and Mineral Society, Inc. and the Show Committee are unable to assume any responsibility for loss of or damage to an exhibitor's property, materials, or specimens. Each owner must provide insurance or assume the risk. The cases are secured with a keyed lock. Security guards are on duty in the hall at all times.*

PAUL DESAUTELS MEMORIAL TROPHY

To honor the memory of Paul Desautels, curator, collector and connoisseur of fine minerals, the TGMS will present this trophy at the Tucson Gem and Mineral Show®. The trophy is presented to the individual display of the finest crystallized mineral specimens entered in this competition.

Rules of the Competition

1. The competition is open to any individual or couple--not to institutions, clubs, groups, or businesses. The exhibitor must be the owner of the specimens shown.
2. Specimens must be labeled correctly with species name and location. Minimum of twelve (12) specimens are required.
3. The primary judging criterion will be quality of the specimens, although showmanship, rarity, and variety will influence the judging.
4. There will be no point score given and the decision of the judges will be final.
5. Cases provided by TGMS (48" size) must be used in this competition. Diagrams of the cases are located in this handbook. One case may be used. Exhibitors shall provide their own case linings and risers.
6. No individual or couple can win the trophy more than once every three years.
7. *The Tucson Gem and Mineral Society, Inc., and the Show Committee are unable to assume any responsibility for loss of or damage to an exhibitor's property, materials, or specimens. Each owner must provide insurance or assume the risks. The cases are secured with a keyed lock. Security guards are on duty in the hall at all times.*

RICHARD A. BIDEAUX MEMORIAL TROPHY

To honor the memory of Richard Bideaux, noted Arizona mineralogist and collector, this trophy will be awarded by TGMS to the outstanding Arizona mineral specimen entered in this competition.

Rules of the Competition

1. The competition is open to any individual or couple--not to institutions, groups, clubs or businesses. The exhibitor must be the owner of the specimens shown.
2. The specimen must be entered into this competition and not as part of another competitive or non-competitive exhibit. Only one specimen may be entered by an individual collector.
3. The specimen to be judged shall be clearly described by species and locality on the entry form.
4. The only criterion for judging is the quality of the specimen. No point scores will be given and the decision of the judges will be final.
5. No specimen can win the trophy more than once every three years.
6. *The Tucson Gem & Mineral Society, Inc. and the Show Committee are unable to assume any responsibility for loss of or damage to an exhibitor's property, materials, or specimens. Each owner must provide insurance or assume the risk. The case will be locked at all times. Security guards are on duty in the hall at all times.*

NEAL YEDLIN MEMORIAL TROPHY

To honor the memory of Neal Yedlin, noted micromounter and mineral collector, TGMS presents a trophy for the finest individual display of micromounts at the Master exhibitor's level.

Rules of the Competition

1. The competition is open to any individual or couple--not to institutions, groups, clubs, or businesses. The exhibitor must be the owner of the specimens shown.
2. The exhibit achieving the highest score at the Master exhibitors' level shall be awarded this trophy.
3. All rules governing the requirements of an exhibit for this trophy are contained within this book.
4. The judges' decision is final.

BEST OF SPECIES OR THEME COMPETITION

Each year a species or mineral theme is selected by the Show Committee.

Rules of the Competition

1. All localities and associations are eligible and welcome.
2. The competition is open to any individual or couple -- not to institutions, groups, clubs, or businesses. Only one specimen in each category may be entered by the individual. The exhibitor must be the owner of the specimens shown.
3. Lined cases will be provided. Each specimen must have a label giving locality information and associated species, if any. A second small label showing the owner's name may be included, but will be shown only after judging.
4. Categories
 - a. SP-Cab: Specimen shall not exceed 12" (30cm) in any dimension but larger than SP-Sm Cab
 - b. SP-SmCab: Specimen shall not exceed 5" (13cm) in any dimension but larger than SP-Min.
 - c. SP-Min: Specimen which fits in a 2" (5.1cm) cube, as displayed, but larger than SP-T/nl.
 - d. SP-Tnl: Specimen which fits in a 1.5" (3.8 cm) cube, as displayed, but is larger than SP-T/n.
 - e. SP-T/n: Specimen which fits in a 1" (2.5cm) cube as displayed. No micromounts are allowed.
 - f. SP-Lap/Jewelry: May be cabochon, sphere, carving, faceted, etc., jewelry featuring the selected mineral, or with lapidary treatment.
 - g. Self-collected: Any of the size categories are eligible. The specimen shall display the fact it is self-collected to be judged. Only one self-collected designation can be placed by an individual exhibitor.
5. Plaques will be awarded for the best entry in each category. No point scores are given, and the judges' decision is final.
6. A plaque will also be awarded for the best mineral specimen from an Arizona locality, if appropriate.
7. The Tucson Gem and Mineral Society, Inc. and the Show Committee are unable to assume any responsibility for loss of or damage to an exhibitor's property, materials, or specimens. Each owner must provide insurance or assume the risk. The case will be locked at all times. Security guards are on duty in the hall at all times.

TGMS DISPLAY CASE INFORMATION

2017 TGMS CASES: The new display cases provided by TGMS have fronts that fit securely on the face of the case, eliminating vibration caused by sliding fronts into position. They also have solid wood sides, back, floor and with LED lighting that provides good light coverage and full spectrum color. They have clean, modern lines that give a striking visual presentation to the exhibit area. **The cases have been redesigned with top channels into which liner panels can slide, providing a secure hold on the panels at the top of the case. This eliminates the need for tape to hold panels in place.** Making your panels to the specifications below should mean easy, fast and secure installation. Graphics should either be pinned or otherwise fastened to a fabric case liner (see below) or incorporated into printed panels sized to substitute for one or more of the case liner panels.

CARE OF CASES: It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to take proper care of the case. **YOU MAY NOT USE STAPLES, TACKS, or TAPE TO FASTEN LININGS, INSERTS OR GRAPHICS TO THE WALLS OR ANY OTHER PART OF THE CASE.**

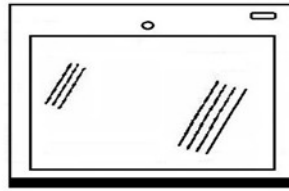
SHOWMANSHIP: Risers and platforms add to the attractiveness of the display and may be made of finished wood, plastic, or Styrofoam blocks covered with lining material or any other material you design. Note that a riser can serve to hold graphics securely in place if they are designed with a “tail” that extends to the bottom of the case. Again, please note that none of these may be attached to the body of the case in any manner.

MATERIALS: Use 1/8" thick cardboard and cover it with an easy-care cloth. Foam-core board also works well, but is commonly thicker than 1/8". Materials thinner than 1/8" are NOT recommended. The inside face of the cardboard should be free of dirt and lettering since it might show through the cloth. Lining the inside face with white paper eliminates this problem and minimizes cardboard color “bleed through” if you use sheer material. When preparing the cardboard for the back and bottom of the 48" and 66" cases, score the cardboard in the center, tape the center joint for reinforcement and then put on the covering material. This allows you to carry the liners with relative ease. Care in handling your displays will allow you to use the material repeatedly. Large garbage bags are very good for keeping them clean during transport and storage.

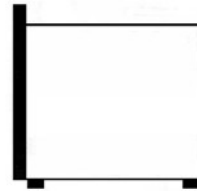
MEASUREMENTS: All measurements listed below are INSIDE DIMENSIONS and are accurate for 1/4" stock, including an allowance for fabric thickness. If you use stock that is thicker than 1/4", or fabric that is thicker than a standard T-shirt fabric, you will have to adjust the measurements given below accordingly. Please pay close attention to the intended order of panel insertion as certain panels are designed to hold others in place. Be especially careful with riser length as multiple layers of folded fabric on the ends may have to be accommodated.

If you make your liners out of standard 1/8" cardboard instead of a 1/4" stock, simply add a second layer of cardboard to the side panels so they are 1/4" thick and everything else will fit.

CASE FORMAT

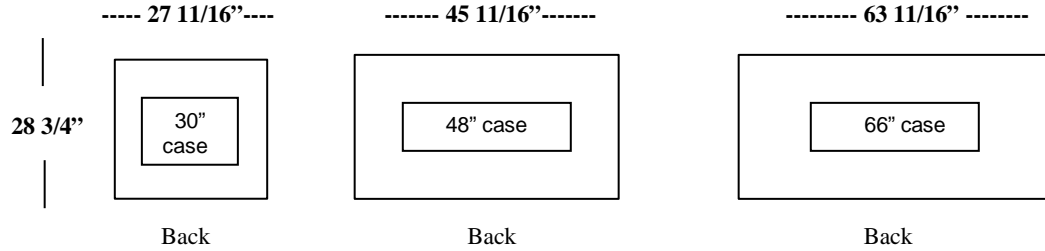


Front View

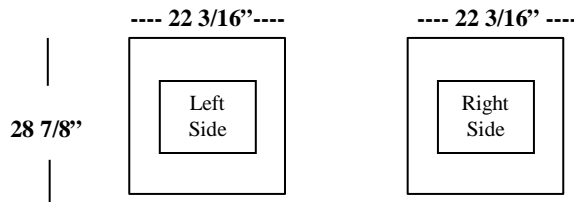


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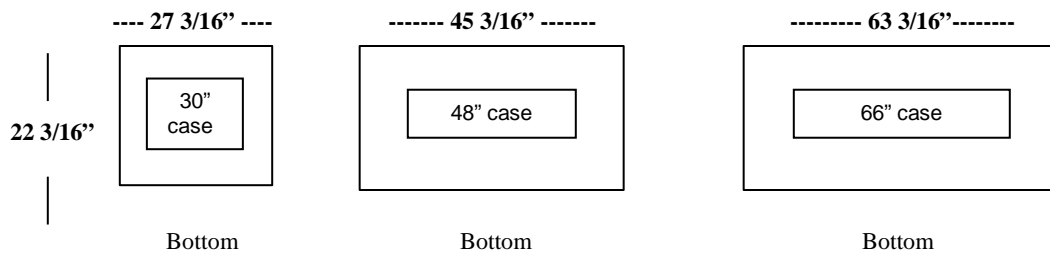
Back panel is placed in the case **first**.



Side panels are placed **next**. Cut one right side and one left side as shown. All case sides are the same size.



Bottom panel is placed **last**.



Riser, highly recommended for Showmanship, snugs into rear of case and holds all liner elements firmly in place