

Single Item Competition Rules

The Society is establishing single item competition for each of our study groups. This is to encourage members to participate in our show and to display their work when they are not able to put in an entire case yet.

As previously published: the following rules apply to each of the categories:

All competitors shall be Santa Clara Valley Gem & Mineral Society members.

Each competitor shall be limited to one entry for each award offered. Each entry shall have been made within the last two (2) years. All workmanship must be done by the competitor. Each entry must be labeled with the name of the material, and items submitted need to have two labels, one with the competitor's name and one without the competitor's name and with the material name.

All items will be judged by the Uniform Rules of the American Federation, and each item will start with 100 points. We are listing below the points which will apply to each group's entries:

Mineraleers:

These are the points for Thumbnail Minerals as listed in the Rules:

Labeling, 15; Showmanship, 15; Quality, 70.

Cutaways:

These points are the most used in the Lapidary section:

Labeling, 5; Showmanship, 15; Quality, 25; Variety, 10; Workmanship, 45

Silversmiths:

These points apply to the majority of the Jewelry category:

Labeling, 15; Showmanship, 15; Quality, 10; Variety, 15; Workmanship, 35; Design, 10

Fossileers:

These points are the most commonly used in the Fossil section:

Labeling, 30; Showmanship, 10; Quality, 30; Rarity, 5; Variety, 20; Reference List, 5

Facet Cutters:

These points apply to the Faceted Stones:

Labeling, 5; Showmanship, 10; Quality, 10; Workmanship, 65; and Variety, 10

Carvers:

Labeling, 5; Showmanship, 10; Quality, 10; Workmanship, 65; and Design, 10

Stringers:

Labeling, 10; Showmanship, 10; Quality, 10; Workmanship, 55; and Design, 15

Some of these points are somewhat arbitrary, and we may find that they need to be adjusted, but this should give us a good start. I would like to explain that the Showmanship category covers the way your piece is set up for display. All of the items will be in a case with other items which are similar, and you need to be sure that your piece is shown as well as possible.

Please get your application in to the Chairman, Ruth Bailey, as soon as possible, and you will need to have an application for each piece you are displaying. If you have questions, give Ruth a call at 408-248-6195. Items to be judged must be given to Ruth Bailey on setup day.