

# DOLL ARTISAN GUILD®

## 2024 International Competition

### KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, USA



*The Doll Artisan Guild Doll Competition is known as the premier competition for porcelain doll artists around the world. Whether you recreate the most wonderful antique reproduction or show your artistic creativity with Modern dolls or Costuming, we hope you will join us. Your work is judged by a team. In the first round, the only competitor... is you! Each entry is judged and scored on it's own merit. You will receive a scoresheet in all categories with the exception of Crystal and Tribute.*

*Don't miss this opportunity to share your creations  
And who knows? You could win a top award!*

**SIGN UP TODAY!**

## D.A.G TOP AWARDS 2024

### The Millie

Best reproduction of  
antique dolls



### The Magge

Best modern dolls



### Eva's Choice Award

Best entry in OPEN categories



### Sheryl Williams Award

Best entry in Fashion, Ladies, China, Parians

### Tribute to Dollmaking Award



### Kitty Murks Aurora Award

Best entry in Small Dolls



### Louise Hedrick Costuming Award

Best entry in Costuming



### Crystal Award

Exclusive category for ALL delegates who  
have won a previous *TOP AWARD*.

### The ARTI Award

Best doll entry in theme categories



### ACCESSORIZE!

Best accessory



### Original Doll/Sculpting Special Rosette



### Pinnacle Award

Best overall doll entry made exclusively  
by contestant.



### People's Choice Awards

For dolls with the most votes

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## Convention Theme:

# A Venetian Masquerade



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## Authentic Reproduction of Dolls made before 1939

- 1 Baby and Toddlers
- 2 German Children with glass eyes
- 3 German Children with painted eyes
- 4 French Children, under 12" (30cm)\*
- 5 French Children, 12 - 20" (30 - 50cm)
- 6 French Children over 20" (50cm)
- 7 Fashion & Lady Dolls (including Gibson, Rochard) under 15" (30cm)
- 8 Fashion & Lady Dolls (including Gibson, Rochard) 15" and over
- 9 China, Parian Dolls
- 10 Mechanicals (including Walking dolls)
- 11 Doll-House Dolls
- 12 All-Bisques—Glass eyes up to 10" (25cm)
- 14 All-Bisques—Painted eyes up to 10" (25cm)

Top Award winners will be honored at the awards ceremony on Friday evening.

All valid entries will receive a ribbon. Entries are judged anonymously. All entries will receive a score sheet.

Award-winning entries will be featured in *DOLLS Beautiful*.

Competition is only open to full participants in the 2024 DAG International Convention.

## Open Categories - China paint as you wish

16. BJD (Ball Jointed Doll) - all porcelain allowed up to 31" (78cm) Painted eyes or glass eyes. Create as you please.
17. Fantasy Dolls (Paint and costume as you wish, using any head, modern or antique.)
18. Decorative Porcelain Art and Half Dolls (Masks, figurines, statuettes, eggs, brooches, ornaments, decorated shoulderheads – for example Parian or china, marottes, lace draping, Jack-in-the-box, animals and more) Main part of the item must be porcelain and china painted. Accessories and decorations may be glued on. **Entry must be incised.** See General Rules.

## Modern Doll Artists' Dolls

*Re-create as you wish including fairytale or fictional doll, using doll head sculpted after 1930. Appropriate body required. DDP Categories: Must have painted upper and lower lashes. No glue-on lashes. Porcelain hands are desirable. Original sculpts allowed.*

- 23 All Bisque Modern, 12" (30 cm) and under
- 24 Moderns, Under 18" (45 cm)
- 25 Large Moderns, 18" (45 cm) and above
- 28 Moderns in Dimensional Doll Painting (DDP) with Painted Eyes, all

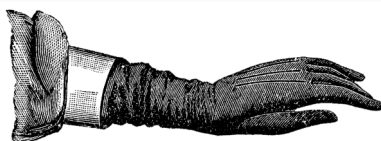
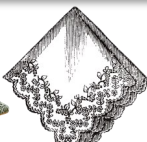
### A Note About Sculpting/Original Categories

These categories are not planned for 2024 however there will be a special award for original dolls entered in the modern doll categories. To be eligible, please indicate on your entry form that the doll is an original, sculpted by you.

Thank you!

## 30 Special Category: Accessorize! Fashion Accessories

If you enjoy creating special dolly accessories, then you'll love this category! If you love jewelry, you may enter tiaras, brooches, pendants, hair combs, bracelets, necklaces and maybe a jewelry box. Jewelry sets should be displayed on a card or in a box. Garments may include hats (and their boxes), umbrellas/parasols, fans, purses, gloves, muffs and furs! Hat stands for display are encouraged. (No dolls). Accessory must be made by contestant.



## Theme Categories 2024

Use any doll or half-doll mold as directed by the category description; classic or modern. (Legs may be excluded in this category.) China paint and decorate as you wish. Scenes are allowed in all Theme Categories (See "Scenes" for more details in General Rules & Information.) Follow rules for OPEN categories. **Enclose a small card with entry number and a short note about your creation. Card may be displayed with entry.**



### 19. A Venetian Masquerade Ball

You might be inspired by an the multitude of spectacular Venetian masquerade costumes. Even the current/modern—day Venetian costumes are spectacular! Gold, sparkly and fun from head to toe! There are so many wonderful ways to imagine this category!

### 20. All Things Italian Renaissance

A period of time between the 15th and 16th centuries known for achievements in exploration such as Christopher Columbus and artists like Michaelangelo and Leonardo da Vinci. Gardens became more grand with fountains and statues. Check out the fascinating women of the era such as Lucrezia Borgia (scandalous!)



### 21. A Floral Fantasy

Think of all things floral. She can simply wear a floral dress or maybe her dress is the flower! Could it be a scene of a boy in the garden? There are plenty of ideas you can conjure and one thing we can count on: it will be colorful!

## 47. TRIBUTE TO DOLLMAKING

Bring your first doll, your latest creation, your favorite doll, your Millie/Magge winner, a doll you sculpted. You know the one. She wants to come to convention. Entries will not be judged but will be voted on by delegates. **All dollmakers should bring at least 1 doll for this category!**

## Crystal Categories

Special categories for all dollmakers who have won any previous DAG Top Award. (For list of Top Awards, see page 1) Example—If you won the Costuming Award in a previous year, you are qualified to enter the Crystal Category of your choice.

Dollmakers with entries in category 51 may not enter categories 1–15 at the same event. Dollmakers with entries in category 52 may not enter categories 23–29. Dolls entered in this category may not be entered with an affidavit for DAGSD title.

- 51**    Authentic reproductions, (following rules for entries in categories 1–15)
- 52**    Modern doll artist dolls, both Moderns and Modern DDP (following rules for entries in 23–29)

## Costuming Only

### NEW RULES!!!



These categories are for those who love to costume dolls. Perhaps you do not make your own dolls but love to costume dolls. Maybe you have created a costume on an antique/vintage/collectible doll you would like to share. More info in Rules.

#### Authentic Reproduction of Costume, made before 1930.

- 61    Costuming: Antique Costume
- 62    Costuming: Antique Undergarments

#### Modern Costume, 1930 +

- 66    Costuming: Modern Costume

#### Open Costume, 1930 +

- 68    Costuming: OPEN Costume—any costume on various type of doll.

Dolls in the costuming categories 2024 may be:

- ◆ porcelain reproductions with painted heads.
- ◆ antique dolls
- ◆ vintage dolls
- ◆ collectible dolls
- ◆ vinyl dolls
- ◆ hard plastic dolls
- ◆ Dolls made by someone other than you.



## More Info

- **Contestants must help out** for a period of one hour where assistance is needed; such as guarding the exhibit. We need your help to protect the dolls on display.
- Each contestant accepts that his/her entry will be **photographed** by Doll Artisan Guild. The right to publish and use these photos belongs to the Doll Artisan Guild.
- Please understand the importance of following all rules here and in the separate booklet:

### **DAG General Rules 2024**

Can be found at:  
**[www.dollartisanguild.org](http://www.dollartisanguild.org)**  
*Click Tab for COMPETITIONS*

It will make the judging easier and you will avoid losing points unnecessarily.

Mail-in dolls are not accepted at this competition.

## Questions?

*Please read the Invitation & also the **DAG General Rules 2024** first.*

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[www.dollartisanguild.org](http://www.dollartisanguild.org)

## JUDGING AND AWARDS

Competition will be judged by teams of DAG's experienced judges. The judges give their professional opinions which allows you to get a reading on your dollmaking skills, both strong and weak areas. Remember that this is just one "snapshot" at one moment in time. The rules in a competition are for the judges to call the work as they see it. The judges' decision is final. Each entry will receive the ribbon it deserves. Each entry will receive a scoresheet in all categories with the exception of Crystal and Tribute.. Entries that are registered in the wrong category or have not followed the rules in some way, will be judged, but may be excluded from top awards.

## TOP AWARDS

**The Millie** - Rosette winners (Best of Category) in Categories 1—15 will compete for this prestigious award. Two Millie trophies will be presented; one to the best Professional and one to the best Non-Professional entry. \*\*

**The Magge** Rosette winners in Modern Categories 23—29 will compete for this award. Two Magge trophies will be presented; one to the best Professional and one to the best Non-Professional dolls.\*\*



**Eva's Choice Award** will be chosen from the rosette winners in Open Categories 16—18.

**The Sheryl Williams** award will be presented to the best fashion, lady, china or parian doll from categories 7-9.

**The Kitty Murks Aurora** award will be presented to the best small doll from categories 11—15.

**The ARTI** will be presented to the best doll in the Theme categories 19-21.



**Special Award: Accessorize!** Will be presented to the best entry of category 30.

**Special Award: Sculpting/Original Doll** will be presented to an Original doll entered in a Modern Doll category and designated as Original when signing up.

**Tribute to Dollmaking Award** will be presented to one doll with the most votes by delegates.

**The Crystal Award** - one award will be presented to the best doll in category 51 and 52

Rosette winners in Costuming Categories 61, 62 and 66 will compete for the **Louise Hedrick Costuming Award\***

**The Pinnacle Award\*** will be presented to one doll entry from categories 1—52. The entry must be made entirely by contestant. Contestant must pay the fee, complete separate affidavit and submit with entry to be eligible.



If a top award winner from a previous competition is once again chosen to receive the same award, (s)he will be presented instead with a **Special Gold Rosette**.

The Fine Print:

DAG top awards may only be won once except The Pinnacle Award, which may be won more than once.

\*\*At least One Millie and one Magge will be awarded at this event.

# DOLL ARTISAN GUILD SCHOOL OF DOLL MAKING (DAGSD) TITLES



## DAG Master of Dollmaking titles:

**Classic:** This title requires that you win at least a red ribbon in a qualified authentic reproduction category.

**Modern:** This title requires that you win at least a red ribbon in category for Modern Dolls in Dimensional Doll Painting (DDP) with Painted Eyes.

**General:** If you win a blue ribbon your Master's certificate will be marked "with honors." You must make the dress and underwear for the doll yourself and sign a special affidavit to this effect.\*

## DAG Grand Master of Dollmaking title:

Requires blue ribbon **either** in category for authentic reproduction **or** in category for Modern Dolls in Dimensional Doll Painting (DDP) and with painted eyes in DDP Technique. Certain dolls are excluded. You must make the entire costume, underwear, wig, shoes, stockings, hat, and eventual accessories yourself. See affidavit for Grand Master title for further information.\*

*The ribbon requirement for the GM title might be waived for dollmakers age 70 and up. Please contact DAG for further details.*

## DAG Triple Crown of Dollmaking title:

Requires a high blue ribbon (min. 95 points) **either** in category for authentic reproduction **or** in category for Modern Dolls in Dimensional Doll Painting (DDP) and with painted eyes in DDP technique.

Certain dolls - including boy dolls - are excluded. Dolls chosen, must have feathered eyebrows and painted upper and lower lashes. [Complete details on affidavit.\\*](#)

## DAG Dollmaking Award of Excellence title:

Requires blue ribbon in each of 4 categories: Choose from Authentic reproduction: Babies & Toddlers, Decorative Art & Half Dolls, Doll House and All-Bisques, Costuming. Also included are Fantasy dolls **and** Modern Dolls in Dimensional Doll Painting (DDP) with painted eyes in DDP technique. Dolls chosen, must have feathered eyebrows and painted upper and lower lashes. [Complete details on affidavit.\\*](#)

NOTE: Brooch may change for the AE Title in 2024

## **General Information**

**AFFIDAVITS MUST BE PRE-REGISTERED**

*(Please note on the competition sign-up form)*

You may enter more than one doll with affidavit in the competition.

Affidavit(s) will only be accepted with doll if you have completed the DAGSD part on the registration form. (You may change your mind and enter without affidavit if you wish.) Only people who have pre-registered their affidavit(s) may graduate at this event.

Affidavit forms will be sent to you (see registration form). Signed affidavit must accompany your doll(s).

(Junior and Senior categories are not eligible.)

You must be a member of D.A.G. to enter a doll with affidavit.

Your affidavit will be accepted even if you are not enrolled in DAGSD.

**To receive your title**, you must have enrolled in DAGSD and have paid the fee (one fee for each title). The fee must have been received at least four (4) months before planned graduation date at the Doll Artisan Guild office in FL. (Contact DAG if less than 4 months)

**Note.** You may only receive one title per event, unless you have already completed all requirements for at least one title including the ribbon.

All seminar points must be completed at least two (2) months prior to graduation.

Any ribbon must be less than two (2) years old at time of completion of requirements for title, except Triple Crown title that allows four (4) years and DAG Award of Excellence that allows five (5) years.

**If you expect to graduate at this event, check the list posted at Doll Check-in, and the final list that will be posted after the judging is completed.**

For more information on preparing your doll for entry with affidavit go to [www.DollArtisanGuild.org](http://www.DollArtisanGuild.org)

**For more information about DAGSD, please contact the D.A.G. office at:**

**Doll Artisan Guild, USA.**

Tel: 1-607-432-4977 (leave message), Fax: 1-607-441-1040.

Email [info@dollartisanguild.org](mailto:info@dollartisanguild.org)

Or contact the local competition organizer.

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# D.A.G. Competition Sign-Up Instructions

*Please print all information clearly*

**DEADLINE: March 25, 2024**

## 1. Complete and mail, fax or scan and EMAIL your Sign-up Form. (Details below)

Deadline all entries:

After March 25, 2024

**\$50.00 late fee**

*Note: Categories may not be changed after March 25. Any changes PRIOR to March 25 must be made in writing.*

**Your competition registration will be confirmed** by a receipt for payment via email from DAG. You will receive a "Competition Confirmation" with information about handing in your entries. This will be **EMAILED** to you after the final deadline.

**DAG School of Dollmaking: If you are entering a doll for Title**, you will receive a special **DAGSD e-Affidavit**. These will be **emailed** after your entries are registered. You may check the specific rules for your title on the DAG website. If you wish to have your Affidavit mailed in advance (within the USA only) please include a Self Addressed Stamped envelope. Affidavits will also be available at Competition Registration in Tennessee.

## 2. Include the registration fee.

**Mail form to:**

Doll Artisan Guild, Attn. Competition 2024, 12663 Molale Dr., Pensacola FL 32507

**Fax to DAG Competition Office: 607.441.1040**

**Email scanned documents to:** [info@dollartisanguild.org](mailto:info@dollartisanguild.org)

## 3. Entries must be brought to: Crowne Plaza Knoxville (Details in Confirmation)

**Entries must be picked up** on Saturday between 3 – 3:30 pm.

**Note:** Convention registration must be made before or together with this registration.

**No refunds of Competition Fee will be made.**

## 4. Special Affidavits: Copyright, Pinnacle and Miniature/Dollhouse Dolls

If you are entering in **Categories 23-29 or 52** please complete, sign and attach the Modern Doll Copyright Affidavit to your sign-up form.

If you are entering in **Categories 1—52** with a doll that is eligible for the Pinnacle Award, please check the appropriate box on the sign-up form and bring the Pinnacle Affidavit with your entry to Knoxville.

If you are entering a **miniature/Dollhouse Doll** and the incising is covered, please complete the Miniature/Dollhouse affidavit and bring it with your entry to Knoxville.

These affidavits and more may be found here: <https://dollsbeautiful.com/competition>



# Sign-Up Form - D.A.G. COMPETITION, TENNESSEE 2024

DEADLINE: March 25, 2024

Please print clearly.

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ DAG Member No. \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province: \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_

Zip/Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_ Phone ( \_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ CELL PHONE ( \_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**I am entering as:** ☐ Professional ☐ Non-Professional (See General Rules & Information: *Classification*)

I have previously won (check all that apply) ☐ Millie ☐ Magge ☐ Eva's Choice ☐ Arti ☐ Crystal

Entry	CATEGORY NUMBER	This entry is for DAGSD Title. I need DAGSD Affidavit. Indicate the Title below MDM, GMDM, TCDM etc.	This entry is an original doll sculpted by me.  ✓	Entry is going for Pinnacle Award (✓ or YES) See Special Pinnacle Affidavit
1				
2				
3				
4				

## FOR DAGSD PARTICIPANTS ONLY—(See page 5 for details)

- ☐ I have not yet paid the fee for the title (or) ☐ I have paid the fee for the title.
- ☐ I only need the ribbon to graduate.
- ☐ I have the red Master ribbon, trying for a blue Master ribbon (I have not yet graduated.)
- ☐ If I win the ribbon I need, I would like to graduate at this event. ☐ I plan to graduate at a later date.

NOTE: You may enter your doll with affidavit even if you are not enrolled in the School of Dollmaking. Affidavit(s) will be emailed to you to print out. Title requirements are located at [www.dollartisanguild.org/School of Dollmaking](http://www.dollartisanguild.org/School of Dollmaking). Affidavits must be handed in with doll(s).

I hereby waive all liability and responsibility on the part of Doll Artisan Guild, Inc. and related parties, Crowne Plaza Knoxville, the Competition Organizers, judges and assistants for the security of or harm to my entries or props, as well as for damages of any nature, related to this competition or convention. I have read, understand and accepted all the rules in this Invitation and in the *DAG General Rules and Information*, and accept that my entries may be excluded if any rule is disregarded. I have not made my entries in seminar or private lessons. If made in class, all the work is by me and no one else. I also accept that the judges' opinions are based on judgments made to the best of their ability. I agree that my entries will be photographed by the Doll Artisan Guild and photos will belong to D.A.G.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature ✓ \_\_\_\_\_ **Obligatory**

☐ Yes, I have signed up for the Convention and paid the registration fee.

☐ **Competition Fee for Tribute Category only, \$5.00 each** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

☐ **Competition Fee for Accessorize category only, \$10.00 each** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

☐ **Competition Fee for all other categories, 1-3 entries \$30.00 each** ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Additional entries (after 3) are \$15.00 each ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Entries eligible for Pinnacle Award? Special ID. \$4.00 each (see separate affidavit) Qty \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

☐ LATE FEE applies to all entries submitted after the deadline above. \$50.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## PAYMENT INFO:

**Total US \$** \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Check enclosed, made out to Doll Artisan Guild (Check in US funds, drawn on US bank ONLY)

☐ Charge my VISA/MC/AMEX/Discover: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Security code/CVV: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Please bill me via PAYPAL: (Email): \_\_\_\_\_