

DOLL ARTISAN GUILD®

2027 International Doll Competition

D.A.G. International
Convention
May 19—22, 2027
Crowne Plaza—Knoxville
Knoxville, TN



For convention info:
www.dollyfun.com

D.A.G TOP AWARDS 2027

The Millie

Best reproduction of Antique dolls



The Magge

Best entry in Modern doll categories



Eva's Choice Award

Best entry in Open categories



Crystal Award

Exclusive award for delegates who have a previous *TOP AWARD*.



The ARTI Award

Best entry in theme categories



Pinnacle Award

Best overall doll entry made exclusively by contestant.

(Doll, Costume, Wig, Shoes, Accessories)



Sheryl Williams Award

Best entry in Fashion, Ladies, China, Parians



Kitty Murks Aurora Award

Best Small Doll entry
(10" and under)



Louise Hedrick Costuming Award

Best entry in Costuming



Original Doll/Sculpting Special Rosette*

Best entry in Modern Dolls sculpted by contestant



Raquel V. Hicks Best Bru Award

Best Bru entry in Authentic Antique Reproductions



The Golden Crown Award

Best entry dressed in Royal attire. Antique or Modern

Enter the world's premier doll competition and showcase your artistry!

DAG Certified Judges provide feedback. Each entry will receive the ribbon it earns, along with a detailed scoresheet. Top competitors advance toward Best in Category and then compete for prestigious awards. Some awards are voted/chosen by convention delegates.

Prefer to share without judging? The Tribute to Dollmaking categories welcome your creations.

All convention delegates are encouraged to participate.

Awards Voted by Delegates

People's Choice Awards Modern & Antique

For dolls with the most votes in Judged categories

Tribute to Dollmaking Awards

D.A.G. Instructor Display
Antique Reproduction
Modern Reproduction
Fantasy

MORE Info

Each contestant accepts that they and their entry may be **photographed** by Doll Artisan Guild. The right to publish and use these photos belongs to the Doll Artisan Guild.

Contestants must help out for a period of one hour where assistance is needed, such as guarding the exhibit. Sign up at registration.

Please understand the importance of following all rules here and in the separate booklet:

DAG General Rules 2026- 2027

Info may be found at:
www.dollartisanguild.org
Click Tab for *COMPETITIONS*

- Mail-in dolls are not accepted at this competition.
- No refund of Competition fees

*Deadline to Enter:
April 12, 2027*

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.

Special Affidavits: Pinnacle, Miniature & Doll-house Dolls, Modern Dolls—Now online. Please print these affidavits and include with your doll at Registration.

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Top Award: The Millie

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
- 5 Fashion, Lady, China, Parian
(including Gibson, Rochard, Huret, Rohmer)
- 6 DollHouse Dolls & All-Bisques—Glass & Painted Eyes up to 10"
(25cm)

Top Award: Eva's Choice

Open Categories - China paint as you wish

- 10 **BJD** (*Ball Jointed Doll*) - all porcelain allowed up to 31" (78cm)
Painted or glass eyes. Create as you please.
- 11 **Fantasy Dolls** (Paint and costume as you wish, using any head, modern or antique.)
- 12 **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.
- 13 **Dolls in Boxes**—Modern or antique, fantasy, all bisque. miniatures. All applies.

Award: The Magge

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.

- 26 All Bisque Modern, 12" (30 cm) and under
- 27 Moderns, Over 12" (30 cm)
- 28 Moderns in Dimensional Doll Painting (DDP) with Painted Eyes, all

Award: The Crystal

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 1–7 at the same event. Dollmakers with entries in category 52 may not enter categories 26–28. Dolls entered in this category may not be entered with an affidavit for DAGSD title.

- 51 Authentic reproductions, (following rules for entries in categories 1–12)
- 52 Modern doll artist dolls, both Moderns and Modern DDP (following rules for entries in 26–28)

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 judged entries will receive a score sheet.

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

Competition is only open to full participants in the 2027 DAG International Convention.

A Note About Sculpting/Original Entries

These categories are not planned for 2027 however there will be a special award for original dolls entered in a modern doll category. To be eligible, please indicate on your entry form that the doll is an original, sculpted by you.

Thank you!

What to do and what to expect:

- Complete the Competition Sign up Form
- Email or Mail the Form with payment information before deadline.
- Once payment has been received, you will receive a payment confirmation.
- Competition Confirmation with tags and information when/where to bring your entry will be emailed soon after deadline.
- If you are entering a doll for a DAGSD Title, your affidavit will come by email. BRING the signed affidavit to Tennessee with your doll. Please do not send it to DAG in advance.

Thank you for participating! We look forward to seeing you and your entries there!

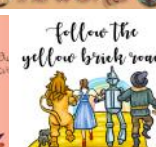
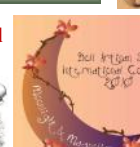
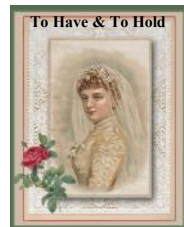
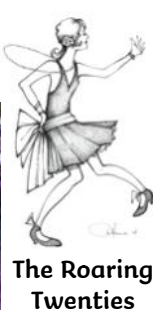
Theme Categories 2027



Use any doll or half-doll mold as desired; classic or modern. (Legs may be excluded in this category.) China paint and decorate as you wish. Scenes are allowed. (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.** For a more complete list of past themes: <https://dollsbeautiful.com/convention-2027>

22. A Golden Gala: 50 Years of Doll Artistry

Choose your own theme from any past U.S. convention.



Top Award: The Art

Costuming Only



These categories are for those who love to costume dolls. Perhaps you do not make your own dolls or you do but made a special costume for a doll you collect. Maybe you have created a costume on an antique/vintage/collectible doll you would like to share. This is the category for you!

Authentic Reproduction, before 1930

61 Costuming: Antique Costume

Modern Costume, 1930 +

66 Costuming: Modern Costume

Dolls in the costuming-only categories 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.

Louise Hedrick Award

Tribute to Dollmaking



The Category for EVERYONE!!

- 47 D.A.G. Instructor Display
- 48 Antique—Authentic Reproductions
- 49 Modern
- 50 Fantasy—Creative & fun, mix and match, imagination

Bring your first doll, your latest creation, your favorite doll, your Millie/Magee 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 in attendance should bring at least 1 doll for this category!** What is your Tribute doll this year?

NOTE: If you plan to ONLY sign up for the Tribute category, you can do this on the DAG website and do not need to send in the SIGN UP form. This only applies to the Tribute category.





Sign-Up Form - D.A.G. COMPETITION, TENNESSEE 2027

DEADLINE: April 12, 2027

Please print all information clearly

Name _____ DAG Member No. _____

City _____ State/Province: _____ Country _____

Phone () _____ CELL PHONE () _____

E-mail _____

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

DAG TOP AWARDS previously won (check all that apply) ☐ Millie ☐ Magge ☐ Eva's Choice ☐ Arti ☐ Crystal
☐ Other: _____

Entry	CATEGORY NUMBER	This entry is for DAGSD Title. Please send 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 (V or YES) See Special Pinnacle Affidavit
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				

FOR DAGSD PARTICIPANTS ONLY (entering a doll with affidavit for a Title)

- ☐ 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.
☐ 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. **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 x _____ # of entries** \$ _____

☐ **Competition Fee for all other categories,**

Entry #1	\$30.00		\$	_____
Entry #2	\$25.00		\$	_____
Additional entries (after 2) are \$15.00 each	Entry #3 +, \$15.00 each		\$	_____

☐ Entries eligible for Pinnacle Award? Special charm \$4.00 each (see separate affidavit) Qty _____ \$ _____

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

Total US \$ _____

PAYMENT INFO:

1. ☐ CHECK enclosed, payable to **Doll Artisan Guild** (Check in US funds, drawn on US bank ONLY) Address below.

2. ☐ Charge my VISA/MC/AMEX/Discover: _____ Exp. Date: _____

Security code/CVV: _____ BILLING Postal/ZIP Code: _____

3. ☐ Please bill me via PAYPAL: (Email): _____

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