

**BATIK FOLK ART CATEGORY
(Pysanky)**

DEFINITION:

This is an original combination of traditional symbols, based on the country of origin, which are written on an eggshell. Submitted eggs must be emptied. The writing medium shall be melted wax applied with a stylus (primitive manual tool, contemporary manual tool or electric), pin tool, or feather used in the traditional process. The areas under the wax will retain the dye color, starting with the natural shell. When complete, the wax is removed, revealing the colors underneath

The egg must NOT be scored.

LEVEL REQUIREMENTS:

Novice: 50 points needed for qualification.

1. Chicken eggshell must be used.
2. May be with or without a stand/base.
3. Entire shell must be covered by traditional design.
4. Finish may be applied.

Intermediate: 85 points needed for qualification.

1. Must use goose, swan, or rhea eggshell.
2. Must be without a stand/base.
3. Entire shell must be covered by traditional design.
4. Finish may be applied.

Master: 95 points needed for qualification.

1. Ostrich eggshell must be used.
2. May have a stand, base or hanger.
3. Entire shell must be covered by an intricate traditional design.
4. Finish must be applied to all eggs.

STANDARDS: (Judging Criteria)

I. General Creativity (20 points)

- A. Originality (15 points)
- B. Overall Impression (5 points).
 1. Design of interest to the eye.

II. Design (30 points)

- A. Form/Shape (5 points)
 1. Retention of the egg shape.
- B. Harmony/Color (15 points)
 1. Color contrast planned between adjoining areas.
 2. Harmonious use of at least two (2) colors besides white and a background color.
 3. Total design color coordinated.
- C. Balance Overall (10 points)
 1. Divided symmetrically at least in half.
 2. Precise repetition is complete in each half or smaller design division.
 3. Artistic composition.
 4. Design must be in proportion to the size of the eggshell.
 5. Stand, base or hanger (if used) must be compatible with the design and in proportion to its style or period.

III. Workmanship (50 points)

A. Neatness (20 points)

1. Overall neatness.
2. No cracks in shell or around drain hole.
3. All wax removed, no wax blobs, no dye bleeds and no pencil marks showing.
4. Lines and motif edges are not blurred by dye intrusion under wax.
5. Strokes are neatly connected.

B. Degree of Difficulty (30 points)

1. Corners, angles, and perpendiculars to lines are well defined.
2. Stroke connected to form longer line.
3. Line-drawn or drop-pull lines must be regular and uniform.
4. Vertically or horizontally oriented design must be true to vertical or horizontal lines of the egg in proportion.
5. Repeated designs should be comparable throughout the egg.
6. Dye work should be even, colors clear, with nothing in design missed.
7. Artist has demonstrated mastery of designs and tools.
8. The finish must contain no dust particles, lines, blobs, bubbles or show signs of yellowing the shell.