

## **2025 Texas State Button Society AWARDS**

For 2025 TSBS Spring Show & Sale

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### **Division I**

1. Cl. 7-6.3.2, 42 Small. Kaleidoscopes. See NBS Bulletin May 2009, page 80. *Janice Canard. \$8-7-5*
2. Cl. 11-0, 30 Medium. Shell Assorted. Label & mount in class order.  
*Space City Button Club. \$10-5-3*
3. Cl. 17 thru 20, 42 Small. Pictorials specialized to metal. Label pictorial class and mount in class order. Try to limit to no more than 2 steel cups.  
*Fort Worth Button Club. \$10-6-4*

### **Division III**

4. **Corrected Award \*\*\* Complete as a Div. IX (any age)** Cl. 1-0 through 15-5. 25 any size. Materials specialized to those imitating fabrics/textiles including fabric trims. Label the material and the type of fabric being imitated.  
*Lynn Huck \$10 - 6- 4*
5. Cl. 23-11, 20 Any size. Studio Buttons assorted. Label each with the artist's name.  
*Fort Worth Button Club. \$10-6-4*

### ***Junior awards (listed below Div. IX)***

### **Division IX**

6. Cl. 3-0, 42 Small. China assorted. Labeling encouraged, but not required. Limited to those who have not won a ribbon in China at TSBS shows.  
*Judye Stewart. \$10-6-4*
7. Cl. 5-0, 25 Any size. Fabrics / Textiles Assorted. (5-1 through 5-8)  
*Big D Button Club. \$5-3-2*
8. Cl. 6-0, 42 Small. Black Glass assorted. Label and mount in order.  
*Kelly Doe. \$25-10-5*

9. Cl. 7-0, 42 Small. Clear & Colored Glass assorted. Label & mount in class order.  
*Herman Bangeman. \$ 10-5-3*
10. Cl. 14-0, 25 Any size. Wood Assorted (14-1 thru 14-8).  
*Big D Button Club. \$5-3-2*
11. Cl. 17-0, 25 Any size. Animals assorted specialized to pollinators (an insect or other animal that conveys pollen to a plant to allow fertilization.)  
*Austin Button Club. \$10-6-4*
12. Cl. 17-2, 25 Any size. Identifiable birds. Label the species.  
*Bluebonnet Button Club. \$10-6-4*
13. Cl. 18-4, 25 Any size. Containers assorted. Label usage / type if not obvious.  
*Bluebonnet Button Club. \$10-6-4*
14. Cl. 18-4.1, 25 Any size. Baskets assorted. Label its name (sewing picnic, peck) or its usage (flower, apple, peach).  
*Karen Perry. \$10-5-3.*
15. Cl. 19-3.1.1 & 19-3.2, Various. Strawberries and Cherries. 10 of each and 5 free choices. Label materials.  
*Karen Perry. \$10-5-3*
16. Cl. 19-6, 25 Any size. Leaves. Identify the leaf if possible.  
*Mary Todd. \$10-6-4*
17. Cl. 20-14, 25 Any size. Men specialized to 12 standing full figures with a limit of 4 studio buttons & 12 heads only with a limit of 4 studio buttons, and 1 free choice of the above.  
*Big D Button Club. \$5-3-2*
18. Cl. 21-9, 24 Medium - Large. Pictorial Summary specialized to Ceramics. Label and mount in pictorial class order.  
*Judye Stewart. \$10 - 6- 4*
19. Cl. 23-10, 25 Any size. Shapes assorted specialized to pictorials.  
*Judye Stewart. \$10-6-4*

20. Cl. 23-3.4, 25 Any size. Sew thru specialized to 3 Hole Buttons. No whistles. Label materials. No penalty for mislabeling.  
*Brazos Button Club (Waco). \$10-7-3*

21. Cl. 17-0 thru 17-6, 25 Any size. **Club Award** - Animals assorted specialized to those in books, stories, poems or nursery rhymes. 3 points for each different animal, 2 points for each story, and 2 points for each material. Label animal, story, and material.  
*Space City Button Club. Trophy to 1st place club tray. Ribbons to 2nd and 3rd.*

### **Creative Mounting**

22. Creative Mounting. One or more buttons, which illustrate a story book tale, (prose or verse). Include verbalization about the story.  
*Austin Button Club. \$10-6-4.*

23. Favorite Memory Button - Mount one or more buttons on a 9x12 and tell the story of why this button has a special memory for you. Last year was submitted by Jennette Spade. This year submitted by  
*Kathy Hurst. \$5-3-2*

24. Your Choice of Topic. Select 3 or more of your favorite buttons and create a background or setting for them on a 9X12 card to hang vertically. Try to make your background or setting interesting by adding color, texture, depth, etc.  
*Judye Stewart. \$10-6-4*

### **Division VII-A Junior ( Ages 6 through 12)**

25. Cl. 17-0 through 20-24. 15 Any size. Pictorials specialized to a book, story, poem, or nursery rhyme. Please label titles being represented. (Example: A bear button for the Berenstain Bears book.)  
*Kathy Hurst \$5-3-2*

### **Division VII- B Junior ( Ages 13 through 17)**

26. Cl. 17-0 through 20-24. 25 Any size. Pictorials specialized to a book, story, poem, or nursery rhyme. Please label the titles being represented. (Example: a button of a whale for the book "Song for a Whale." Also label the material the button is made of if known.  
*Kathy Hurst \$5-3-2*

## 2025 TSBS Award Judging Notes

Karen Perry: Please be aware that the suggestions given may not be an exact match as to how the judging is actually decided at that time. Any point values listed are for example purposes only.

1. Kaleidoscopes. See NBS Bulletin May 2009, page 80. Read the classification appendix definition on page 41. Kaleidoscopes must have color. Clear mirror buttons with the same general construction type (7-6.3.3) are not Kaleidoscopes.

2. Shell Assorted - Class 3 points each. Look for shell species, OMEs, the 4 pictorial groups, DFs, shapes, backmark, and a pattern.

Note: 11-9 Unlisted has been added to the classification.

3. Pictorials specialized to metal. Pictorial classes 3 pts. Metal class 2 pts. 1 point for backmark, OMEs, sew-thru, etc. Note: Small amounts of glass, pearl, or enamel are allowable in metal buttons. The steel cup is an exception. Where a steel cup has a center or background of a material other than metal, it is a crossover between that material's class and the steel cup class. (try for no more than 2 steel cups) Note: Unlisted class has been added to metals 10-16.

~~4. **Award for material specialized Synthetic Polymers.** 3 points for type of plastic, 2 points for fabric being imitated, 1 point for DF, backmark, sew-thru, etc. Label type of plastic. (12-1 & 12-2) Thermoset types and thermoplastic types. See bottom of page 17 in the classification.~~

5. Studio Buttons Assorted - 3 points for artist name, 2 points for material, 1 point for pictorial class, sew-thru, etc. If signed with initials only, the artist's name can be added.

6. China Assorted. Use the NBS publication "Guidelines for Collecting China Buttons" for assistance. (Out of print but the digital version is available at the NBS store online.)

Note: Some buttons will fit in more than one class (colors, banded, lusters, etc.) Labels will ensure that the judges give credit for all classes covered.

7. Fabric buttons, label fabric classes and subclasses 5-1 through 5-8.

8. Small black glass - Note: When several types are listed in one class, each can count.

9. Small c/c glass - Note: When several types are listed in one class, each can count.

10. Wood Assorted - 3 points for each labeled wood class. Try for all 4 pictorial groups, backmark, the 3 shapes, etc.

11. Animals assorted specialized to pollinators. Pollinators are Insects or other animals that transfer pollen from one flower to another. Birds, butterflies, moths, flies, beetles, wasps, mosquitoes, and most importantly, bees are pollinators. Some mammals such as species of possums, bats, and lemurs are also pollinators. 3 points for each animal, 2 points for each material, 1 point for backmark, sew-thru, etc.

12. Identifiable birds - 3 points for species, 2 points for material, 1 point for activities, multiples, etc.

13. Containers - 3 points for each container, 2 points for each material, 1 point for sew-thru, labeled backmark, etc.

14. Baskets - 3 points for each basket type / purpose, 2 points for each material. 1 point for each of the 3 shapes, DF, backmark, etc.

15. Strawberries and Cherries. 3 points for each material, 2 points for flowering fruit, fruit in a container, fruit with insect or bird, etc. 1 point for each of the 3 shapes, pierced, backmarked, etc.

16. Leaves - 3 points for each named leaf species, 2 points for each material, 1 point for the 3 shapes, pierced, backmarked, sew-thru etc.

17. Men specialized to 12 standing full figures with a limit of 4 studio buttons & 12 heads only with a limit of 4 studio buttons, and 1 free choice of the above.- 3 points for each man that would fit in a different section 20 classification. (Examples: Asian, Egyptian, Fops,). 2 points for each material, 1 point for each of the 3 shapes, backmark, sew-thru, etc.

18. Pictorial summary specialized to Ceramic. 3 points for each pictorial class represented. Try for a balance. 2 points for each ceramic class. 1 point for DF, the 3 shapes, backmark etc. Labeling and mounting in class order are required for a Summary. See page 61.

19. Shapes assorted specialized to pictorials- 3 points for each shape, 2 points for each pictorial class. 1 point for each material. Avoid overloading on realistics if possible. Label shapes.

20. Sew thru specialized to 3 Hole Buttons - 3 points for each material. Look for the 3 shapes, pictorials, DFs, backmarks etc.

21. Cl. 17-0 thru 17-6, 25 Any size. Club Award - Animals assorted specialized to those in books, stories, poems or nursery rhymes. 3 points for each different animal, 2 points for each story, and 2 points for each material. Label animal, story, and material.