

THE UNITED STATES FACETERS GUILD ANNOUNCES TWO NEW FACETING COMPETITIONS



The **SINGLE-STONE COMPETITION** program for 2002 follows the same rules as the recently completed 2001 competition, whose results are reported on page 13 of this issue. Competition classes include faceters with current skills at the **NOVICE**, **PRE-MASTERS**, or **MASTERS** categories, with two divisions in the **MASTERS** class: **MASTERS** and **PAST MASTERS**.

The **MASTERS CLASS/MASTERS DIVISION** may be entered by any faceter who has not won a previous **MASTERS** competition. Any faceter who has won a previous **MASTERS** competition **MUST** enter in the **PAST MASTERS DIVISION**. This includes any faceter who has participated in the Australian International Faceting Challenge, by which entry they are automatically classed as **MASTER** faceters.

The **SINGLE-STONE COMPETITION** program, with **NOVICE**, **PREMASTERS** and **MASTERS** classes, will be conducted as a typical single-stone competition in which winners of the classes will be recognized and presented with awards.

The top scorers in all three classes in the **SINGLE-STONE COMPETITION** will be awarded a trophy and a certificate. Other entries will receive a certificate of accomplishment.

The stone cutting requirements and judging rules are contained on pages 18 through 21 of this newsletter.

NOTE: This competition is open ONLY to members of the United States Faceters Guild.

SHIPPING AND HANDLING

1. Place the stone in a round plastic gemstone display cup with foam insert and cap.
2. Place the following in a bubble-protected envelope:

The display cup containing the stone;

A bubble-protected self-addressed and stamped envelope (for returning the stone to the cutter);

A \$25.00 check or money order made out to Charles L. Moon (entry fee).

3. Mail the package to:

Charles L. Moon
155 Myrtle Ct.
Arcata, CA 95521-6511

4. At the participant's discretion, packages should be sent by certified mail and/or insured.
5. Stones will be returned to the participant in the manner selected by the participant as in 4 above.
6. **THE POSTMARK DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING STONES IS JUNE 20, 2002.**

Mr. Moon will code the stone (for anonymity), repack and send to a selected judge. The judged stone and comprehensive "mark-up sheet" will be returned to Mr. Moon who will decode, repackage the stone with score sheet and return to the individual contestant.

EDITOR'S NOTE:

1. *To certify as an USFG Novice, an inexperienced faceter must achieve a score of 80% on the Novice design. The 80% is required in order to cut for the Premaster division.*
2. *To certify as a USFG Premaster, the cutter must make a minimum score of 85% on cutting the Premaster design. However, if a score of 90% is achieved, the cutter not only qualifies for Premaster Certification, but also qualifies for the right to cut for the Masters division. The 90% score is required in order to cut for the Masters Division.*
3. *To certify as a USFG Masters, the cutter must make a minimum score of 90% on cutting the Masters' design.*

Once a cutter has been certified in any USFG competition division, that certification will remain permanent, even if the cutter, when recutting in his/her certified division, scores below the min-