Città di Maniago
Città delle Coltellerie

FIRST INTERNATIONAL CONTEST FOR THE BEST AMATEUR FIXED BLADE AND CLASP KNIVES

"CITTA' DI MANIAGO – CITTA' DELLE COLTELLERIE"

"Town ok Maniago – Town of Cutleries"

Dedicated to custom knives producers

MANIAGO, D'Attimis Maniago Palace, 23rd and 24th July 2016

The first contest for amateur knives "Città di Maniago – Città delle coltellerie" is published. It will take place on 23rd and 24th July in conjunction with the 13th edition of the event *Coltello in Festa.*

ART. 1 - CONTENDERS

Only custom knives producers, who join the D'Attimis Maniago Palace exhibition during "Coltello in festa 2016" can take part in the contest.

ART. 2 – CATEGORIES

The contest will individuate the best amateur knife for each of following categories:

1. Fixed blade knife

2. Clasp knife

ART. 3 – MATERIALS, COMPONENTS AND MANUFACTURINGS

In order to be admitted to the contest all the parts of knives must be made by the craftsman, who cannot use semifinished products but:

- Damascus steel bars (the craftsman will demonstrate, through specific self-certification, having bought them unrefined and only later having work them out)
- Materials used for handles

If handles are made of those materials included in the Washington Convention (regarding the international trade in endangered species of wild flora and fauna), participants must deliver all the documents issued by offices designated for CITES certificates. (https://cites.org/)

ART. 4 - PROHIBITIONS

Cold weapons are not admitted.

ART 5. SELECTION OF PRODUCTS ADMITTED TO THE CONTEST

Once all the participants have mounted their exhibitions in the space they have at disposal, an expert jury will visit each exhibition and will choose among the knives that follow the aforementioned conditions, those that will take part to the contest. Every contender can participate with only one knife for each category.

The selected knives will be labelled with a number, necessary for the vote procedure. The selected knives must compulsorily be shown from 10 a.m. on Saturday the 23rd to 4 p.m. on Sunday the 24th July.

ART. 6 – EVALUATION PROCEDURE

Knives participating to the contest will be evaluated following two procedures and they will challenge to obtain awards from two different juries: a jury of experts and a people's jury.

ART. 7 – JURY OF EXPERTS

A jury made up of 3 qualified members, with proven experience in the world of blades, will proclaim the winner knives for the two categories of the contest (best fixed blade knife and best clasp knife).

ART. 8 – EXPERTS' CHOICE AWARDS

For each of the two categories, three cash awards will be assigned:

Best fixed blade knife

- 1st award € 500,00
- 2nd award € 300,00
- 3rd award € 200,00

Best clasp knife

- 1st award € 500,00
- 2nd award € 300,00
- 3rd award € 200,00

The award ceremony, held by the jury of experts, will take place at 6 p.m. on Saturday the 23rd July at the headquarter of the event.

ART. 9 – PEOPLE'S JURY

An evaluation report with all the numbers assigned to the knives will be given to all the visitors coming to see the exhibition. Each person will have only one vote at his/her disposal. Evaluation Reports will be gathered in a ballot box.

ART. 10 – PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD

People's Choice award is unique (independent of two categories identified for the experts' choice awards) and it will be given to the knife that will have reached the major number of votes during the two event days.

The vote will be possible till 4.30 p.m. on Sunday the 24th august. The awards ceremony will take place at 5 p.m. at the headquarter of the event.

The winner will receive a special award expressly made for this purpose.

ART. 11 - DOCUMENTS

To take part to the contest, applicants must fill in the following models in attached:

- Application form (**Mod. B1**)
- Self-certification form attesting the knives are home made by an amateur (**Mod. B2**)
- Photography release form (**Mod. B3**)

Documents must be sent, together with the adhesion to the Custom Knives Exhibition (**Mod. A1**), by the **15th May 2016** at latest to:

Museo dell'Arte Fabbrile e delle Coltellerie

via Maestri del Lavoro, 1

33085 Maniago (PN)- Italy

Documents can be sent in advance per e-mail to coricama@maniago.it and confirmed with **the original ones delivered later during the event.**