



# 2021 Virtual Judging

## Instructions and Rules for Entrants

### What are the rules?

- You must be a member of the National Button Society.
- You must be the owner of the buttons in the images submitted.
- Buttons must be on a white background.
- Trays may be scanned (at 300 DPI), or photographed with an iPad or smart phone. Large, high-definition images are key, so be sure to focus, edit for clarity, crop if needed, and use adequate lighting. You may be asked to resubmit images if they are not clear enough for judges to discern fine details. *(See the Competition Entry FAQs document.)*
- Your name or other personally identifying information *must not* be anywhere on the tray image.
- Materials must be labeled. Additional labeling is limited to standard button features found in the NBS Classification Blue Book and is not mandatory. Label only one backmark per tray (except where backmark variations are key), each *different* 'Other Material Embellishment' and 'Decorative Finish' only once per tray, studio artist names if they are known, and only unusual back types, e.g., pad back.
- A maximum of two entries per person will be accepted, and only one image per award.

### Instructions:

Tray images must be emailed one at a time to [Exhibits@NationalButtonSociety.org](mailto:Exhibits@NationalButtonSociety.org), the NBS Exhibits Chair, with the subject line to read 'NBS Virtual Award' + Award # + Entrant's Name. For example, the email subject line for award number three would read 'NBS Virtual Award 3 First Last'. Tray slips and entrant forms will not be needed. Once the email(s) with the tray image(s) is received, you will receive a confirmation email with your entrant number.

**Acceptance:** By submitting your tray image electronically, you are giving the National Button Society and members of the virtual judging team permission to upload your image to a Google photo album which will be shared with designated judges and clerks. Afterwards, your image may be uploaded to the National Button Society website (or NBS Facebook page, in the case of Award #19) for public viewing, as well as potentially published in future NBS bulletins. *Winner's names will be added to the winning tray images selected for the bulletin unless you specifically state in your submission email that you do not wish to have your tray images and/or name to be published.*

**Not following the rules and submission process as stated above may result in your tray being disqualified or unjudged. All entries must be received by July 10.**

*Note: Only awards from the virtual awards list published in the May 2021 bulletin will be accepted, no non-competitive or open competition tray images will be accepted. Additional questions can be directed to the NBS Chair of Judges at [JudgesChair@NationalButtonSociety.org](mailto:JudgesChair@NationalButtonSociety.org).*