

Mr. Hardy's Great Beard and Mustache Exhibition

A Victorian Celebration of Fine Facial Hair

Categories

- The Distinguished Gentleman Best Overall Beard
- The Dapper Dandy Best Overall Mustache
- The Imperial Whiskers Most Creatively Styled (mutton chops, handlebars, etc.)
- The Prosperous Merchant Longest Beard
- The Eccentric Professor Wildest/Most Unusual Facial Hair
- The Peoples Favourite Beard voted by audience \$1/vote
- The People's Favourite Mustache voted by audience \$1/vote

Contest Rules

- All facial hair must be genuine growth (no theatrical additions)
- Participants may enter only one category
- Period-appropriate styling and grooming products heartily encouraged
- Victorian attire strongly recommended but not required
- Waxing, curling, and creative arrangements are welcomed
- The esteemed judges' decisions are final and binding

Judging Panel

A distinguished panel of 3 judges shall evaluate each gentleman based on:

- Quality and fullness of growth
- Style and presentation
- Victorian authenticity (where applicable)
- Stage presence and showmanship

"Let no man hide the whiskers God has granted him, for in their cultivation lies the measure of his refinement and resolve." – Mr. Hardy, Gentlemen's Grooming Gazette, 1843

Exhibition Locale

- Oklahoma Pizza Company at 408 W. Will Rogers Blvd, Claremore, OK
- Gentlemen are asked to kindly gather inside this establishment to participate or observe

Exhibition Programme

- Registration/Check-in at Mr. Hardy's entry table at half-one pm (1:30pm)
- Contestants assemble by category 2:00pm
- Each gentleman takes the stage for 60 seconds to display his whiskers
- Judges retire for deliberation whilst the audience enjoys refreshments
- Grand announcement of winners with prizes bestowed

Prizes

- Lilac District Gift Certificates and Other Gentlemanly Gifts
- Championship Certificate of Achievement
- The coveted "Mr. Hardy's Cup" for People's Favourite Beard or Mustache Winner

Additional Details

- Spectators and participants are encouraged to add to the creativity of the auspicious occasion by dressing in the mode of the ton. That said, while period attire enhances the spirit of our celebration, all are welcome regardless of costume. Modern garb shall not bar entry to this merry gathering!
- A vintage-styled backdrop will be available for photography to document your attendance.
- For additional information go to <u>www.claremorems.org</u> or call 918-341-5881

In the spirit of Mr. Dickens himself, let us celebrate the noble traditions of gentleman's grooming!