

Fiber Arts Entries and Rules

Fiber Arts Classifications:

Divisions:

Beginner/Youth - Working the fiber arts under one year/ age 18 and younger

Beginner/Adult - Working the fiber arts under one year/ over age 18

Intermediate - Working the fiber arts more than one year

Advanced - Working the fiber arts under one year and received a score of 90 or better within a given class

Categories:

All Handwork - 100% handspun yarns with 100% handmade construction and/or 100% hand felted from either raw fiber or handspun yarn.

Partial or Non-Handwork –

1. Use of commercially spun yarn and/or knitting machine construction.
2. Less than 100% hand felting.

Group:

Woven

Felt

Knit

Crochet

Lace

Class:

Accessories – any technique. Gloves, scarves, socks and other small wearable items such as jewelry.

Shawls – any technique.

Hats - any technique

Garment-Sweater

Garment-Vest

Hearth and Home – Art and Toys (Pictures, wall hangings, statues, etc)

Hearth and Home – Home furnishings – (Rugs, pillows, afghans, etc)

Fiber Arts Entry Rules:

Each artisan may enter 1 item per Division/Category/Group/Class. Classes may be combined if less than 4 entries per class are received.

Each entry must be accompanied by a written description that provides construction details. This description will be included in the points for judging. The description requires but is not limited to, the following information:

1. Fiber preparation
2. Fiber Content
3. Techniques Used
4. Intended Use

Written descriptions shall not exceed a 3”X5” card and must NOT include identifying information, including, but not limited to alpaca name, individual name or ranch identifying information. NOTE: Description cards containing identifying information will be removed and NO points given for written description will be awarded.

Handspun Skein Entries and Rules

Handspun Skein Classifications

Groups:

Beginner/Youth – spinning less than one year/age 18 and younger

Beginner/Adult – spinning less than one year/over 18 years

Intermediate – Spinning for more than one year

Advanced – Spinning for more than one year and has received a score of 90 or greater within a given class

Categories:

Classic Yarn:

Singles – 100% Huacaya (natural or dyed)

Singles – 100% Suri (natural or dyed)

2 or more ply - 100% Huacaya (natural or dyed)

2 or more ply - – 100% Suri (natural or dyed)

2 or more ply – Blends – at least 50% alpaca

Hand Spindle – any ply (at least 50% alpaca)

Novelty Yarn – To qualify as Novelty, the yarn must be spun using a defined technique (Nap, Core, Spiral, Knot, Slub, boucles, Beaded, etc). be well constructed, and comprised of at least 50% Alpaca.

Hand Spun Skein Entry Rules:

Each exhibitor may enter 2 skeins per Group/Category/Class provided they are of different fiber preparations (Example of different fiber preparations – combed vs. carded or woolen vs. worsted)

Skeins must be at least 50 yards in length, 1-1/2 to 2 yards in circumference, neatly wound, figure 8” tied in 4 places and placed in a plain, clear zipper type gallon-sized plastic bag. Points may be deducted for any skein that is not at least 50 yards in length. Each skein must be accompanied by a written construction description. This description will be included in the points for judging. The description requires but is not limited to, the following information:

1. Fiber preparation
2. Fiber Content
3. Techniques Used
4. Intended Use of the yarn (i.e. Clothing, rug, decoration, etc.)

Written descriptions shall not exceed a 3”X5” card and must NOT include identifying information, including, but not limited to alpaca name, individual name or ranch identifying information. NOTE: Description cards containing identifying information will be removed and NO points given for written description will be awarded.

Mill Spun Skein Entries and Rules

Mill Spun Classifications:

Categories:

Skeins entered by a Mill demonstrating their best work

Skeins entered by an individual farm showing the quality of yarn from their fiber

Classes

Finer Yarns:

Knitting - Superfine/Fine Yarn (Sock, Fingering, Baby, Sport)

Weaving - 1200 yards/lb or greater

Light/Medium Yarns:

Knitting – (DK, Light Worsted, Worsted, Afghan, Aran)

Weaving – 850 yards/lb – 1199 yards/lb

Bulky Yarns:

Knitting – Bulky/Super Bulky (Chunky, Craft, Rug, Bulky)

Weaving – Less than 850 yards/lb

Mill Spun Entry Rules:

Entries must be submitted in the name of the Mill or Farm depending upon Category.

Skeins must have been completed during the last year.

Each exhibitor may enter 2 entries per Category/Class provided they are different production runs and/or dye lots.

Skeins must be at least 100 yards in length, 1-1/2 to 2 yards in circumference, neatly wound, "figure 8" tied in 4 places and placed in a plain, clear zipper type gallon-sized plastic bag. Points may be deducted for any skein that is not at least 100 yards in length.

Identifying information or labels on items is prohibited.