



GREAT WESTERN ALPACA SHOW 2009 FIBER ARTS & SKEIN COMPETITION RULES

GENERAL INFORMATION

- ◆ All entries, in all classes, must consist of 50% or more alpaca fiber.
- ◆ All Fiber Arts items and skeins must be one-of-a kind items that have been crafted by the exhibitor.
- ◆ Items/skeins must have been completed during 2008 after May 4 and 2009.
- ◆ Each item must be accompanied by a written description that includes fiber preparation, fiber content, techniques, pattern designer, yarn used, etc. The description must be placed on a 3"x5" card, and must not contain artist identifying information. The description will be included in the points for judging. (NOTE: Mill Spun Skeins do not include a written description.)

FIBER ARTS COMPETITION

- ◆ Each exhibitor may enter 1 item per division/group/category/class.
- ◆ Entries must be submitted in the name of the Mill or Farm depending upon category.

SKEIN COMPETITION

- ◆ Each exhibitor may enter 2 skeins per group/category/class, as long as they are of different fiber preparations.
- ◆ Skeins must be at least 50 yards in length, 1 ½ to 2 yards in circumference, neatly wound, "figure 8" tied in 4 places and placed in a one gallon Ziploc-style plastic bag. Points may be deducted for any skein that is not at least 50 yards in length.

ENTRY JUDGING

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- Items will be judged anonymously with points given for creativity, craftsmanship, handle, visual appeal, appropriate use of fiber and technique, effectiveness, final finish, etc.
- Ribbons will be awarded for top three entries in each division/category/group/class.
- Classes may be combined if less than 4 entries per class are received.
- The Judge may change the category/class of an item at his/her discretion.

NOTE: For complete Auxiliary Fleece Competition Rules, refer to Appendix B in the 2008-2009 AOBA Show Division Handbook.

ENTRY COST AND PROCEDURES

- ◆ **If you mail in your entry, correct return shipping must be provided as described elsewhere.**
- ◆ **Late entries will be accepted thru April 30th at check-in!!!!**
- ◆ Entries delivered personally must be checked in on **Thursday, April 30th, 1:30-5pm. No entries will be accepted after 5 pm on April 30th.**
- ◆ The competition will be closed to the public during Judging on **Friday, May 1st, 9am-2pm.**
- ◆ Judge's comments will be presented from **3pm-4pm on Friday, May 1st.**
- ◆ Items must be left on display until 12:00pm, **Sunday, May 3rd. Please pick up entries promptly between 12pm- 2pm.** Written authorization is required for pickup by someone other than the Exhibitor.

FIBER ARTS

DIVISIONS/CATEGORIES/CLASSES

Fiber Arts Divisions:

- a. **Beginner** (Working in the Fiber Art for less than 1 year):
 1. **Junior**- Ages 18 and younger.
 2. **Adult**- Over age 18.
- b. **Intermediate** (Working in that Fiber Art for more than one year).
- c. **Advanced** (Working in that Fiber Art for more than 1 year and has received a score of 90 or greater within a given class).

Fiber Arts Categories:

- I. **All handwork.** (100% handspun yarns with 100% handmade construction and/or 100% hand-felted.)
- II. **Partial or non-handwork.** (Use of commercially spun yarn, and/or knitting-machine construction, or less than 100% hand felted.)

Fiber Arts Groups:

- A. **Woven**
- B. **Felt**
- C. **Knit**
- D. **Crochet**
- E. **Lace**

Fiber Arts Classes:

1. **Accessories**—any technique (gloves, scarves, socks and other small wearables such as jewelry)
2. **Shawls**—any technique
3. **Hats**—any technique
4. **Garments**—sweaters and vests
5. **Hearth & Home**—any technique (art and toys: pictures, wall hangings, statues; home furnishings: rugs, pillows, afghans, blankets, etc.)

HAND-SPUN SKEIN GROUPS/CATEGORIES/CLASSES

Hand-spun Skein Groups:

- a. **Beginner Spinner** (spinning less than 1 year).
 1. **Junior**- Ages 18 and Younger.
 2. **Adult**- Over age 18.
- b. **Intermediate Spinner** (Spinning for more than 1 year).
- c. **Advanced Spinner** (Spinning for more than 1 year and has received a score of 90 or greater within a given class).

Hand-spun Skein Categories:

- I. Yarn spun from commercially prepared fiber (roving, bats, tops, etc.).

- II. Yarn spun from fiber hand prepared by the spinner.

Hand-spun Skein Classes:

1. Classic Yarn—Singles— 100% Huacaya.
2. Classic Yarn—Singles— 100% Suri.
3. Classic Yarn—2 or more ply— 100% Huacaya.
4. Classic Yarn—2 or more ply— 100% Suri.
5. Classic Yarn—2 or more ply— Blends (at least 50% alpaca).
6. Hand Spindle—Any ply (at least 50% alpaca).
7. 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.

MILL-SPUN SKEIN CATEGORIES/CLASSES

Mill-spun Skein Categories:

- a. Skeins entered by Mill demonstrating their best work.
- b. Skeins entered by the individual farm showing the quality of yarn from their alpaca's fiber.

Mill-spun Skein Classes:

1. **Finer Yarns**—Knitting superfine/fine yarn (Sock, Fingering, Baby, Sport); Weaving 1200 yards/lb or greater.
2. **Light/Medium Yarns**—Knitting (DK, Light Worsted, Worsted, Afghan, Aran); Weaving 850 yards/lb-1199 yards/lb.
3. **Bulky Yarns**—Knitting bulky/super bulky (Chunky, Craft, Rug, Bulky); Weaving less than 850 yards/lb.
4. **Novelty Yarns**—Boucles, Thick & Thin, Beaded, etc.

***PLEASE NOTE:** As is standard ABR policy, every effort will be made to provide a secure environment, but ABR cannot be responsible for the safety of individual items displayed in the competition. We intend to staff the competition with volunteer Fiber Artists as event monitors.