

WOOL DAY

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Rules: Wool Day Participants

Welcome to Wool Day! Our aim is to educate the public about fiber animals, fibers, and fiber crafts while having an enjoyable and informative day ourselves.

All items entered must have been completed during the past year and not previously entered at Troy Fair. Prizes, first through fifth ribbons, will be awarded if skill and competition warrant. Best of Show ribbons will be awarded for exceptional work at the discretion of the judges. All judges' decisions will be final. Items will be on exhibit Wool Day only and must be picked up by 5:00 PM. The Wool Day committee assumes no responsibility for damage or loss nor for returning unclaimed items.

A 3x5 information card is required for many of the entries in the different divisions. On one side: Your name and address. On the other side: Category, Division, Class, and this information: fiber content (animal breed, plant, color, etc), preparation and spinning techniques and intended use (sweater, afghan, etc).

Category I. Hand Spun Yarn Items

Division A. Hand Spun Skeins – Each skein must be 1 to 2 ounces, washed, and unobtrusively tied in at least three places. You must attach a 3x5 information card. Please include a 3"x3" swatch showing the intended use of the skein. This is not mandatory, but is for the education of our visitors and each other. The skeins will be judged on consistent, even spin.

Class 1. Child Spun – 12 years old and under.

Class 2. Novice Adult Spinner – The spinner has learned to spin within the last year class

3. Novelty Yarns

Class 4. Singles Wool Yarn

Class 5. 2 Ply Wool Yarn

Class 6. Silk Yarn

Class 7. Goat Fiber Yarn – mohair, pygora, cashmere, etc.

Class 8. Angora rabbit Yarn

Class 9. Any Other Animal Fiber Yarn – camel, llama, yak, etc.

Class 10. Plant Fiber Yarn – cotton, linen, ramie, etc.

Class 11. Blended Yarn – list fibers

Class 12. Any Fiber 3 Ply or more

Division B. Greatest Yardage – A well spun 2 ply yarn prepared from any fiber. The aim is to produce the greatest yardage in a one ounce washed skein, while maintaining spinning quality. Attach a 3x5 information card.

Division C. A Hand Spinners Yarn Basket – A ½ pound to 1 pound amount of yarn, spun for use in one project, displayed in a basket. You must include a pattern and a sample swatch of the project as well as the 3x5 information card. This division will be judged on craftsmanship and creativity.

Division D. Hand Spun Project – This will include any sweaters, vests, mittens, socks, afghans, pillows, etc. made from hand spun yarn or natural fibers (as in felt). Attach a 3x5 information card.

These classes will be judged on spinning, craftsmanship and creativity. At the discretion of the judges these classes may be broken down to subclasses such as sweaters, small items, etc.

Class 1. Child – 12 years old and under.

Class 2. Adult

Category II. Wool Day Contests

Division A. Fill a bobbin – This is a timed 10 minute event starting at 11:00. The spinner will try to produce the longest yardage using their own carded fleece and any type of spinning wheel. Quality of spinning will be also judged.

Division B. Drop Spindle – This is a timed 10 minute event starting at 11:30. The spinner will try to produce the longest yardage using their own carded fleece and drop spindle. Quality of spinning will also be judged.

Division C. Fleece to Shawl -

Object: To spin an unwashed, in the grease, wool fleece into yarn and weave the yarn into a shawl in a three hour time limit 12:00-3:00.

Team: Each team may have six members – one weaver, one pleyer, and four spinners. A team may participate with fewer members. Team appearance and identification is judged and is part of the fun.

Equipment: Flickers or handcards, foot or hand powered spinning and weaving equipment is to be used. The loom may be a floor or table model.

Shawl size: The finished shawl is to be at least 18” wide and 72” long, excluding the fringe. The shawl may be wider – up to 24”, but not less than 18” wide. It may also be longer.

Design: Team’s choice, but the wrap should not be less than 8 ends per inch.

Warp: The warp is to be a two ply 100% wool yarn. A handspun yarn spun by the team members and/or guild members is preferred, but a commercial wool yarn is acceptable. The loom is to be warped before the contest.

Weft: The weft fleece is to be any in the grease wool fleece that has only been skirted prior to the contest. The weft is to be teased, flicked, and/or hand carded, spun and plied by the team during the contest.

POINTS:

Team identification and appearance 10 points

Design 20 points

Spinning 40 points

Weaving 20 points

Overall (size, fringe, time) 25 points

ALL teams will meet with the judges prior to the contest.

NEW!!! There will be a children's craft table set up (craft having to do with fiber arts).

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In addition to the contest there will be Vendors who will be there from 9-5, selling wool related products from raw fleece to finished projects.

Hand spinners will have a chance to enter their various projects for judging including hand spun yarn, finished goods, or work in progress baskets that include there starting yarn, a copy of the pattern, and a sample of the finished project.

At the end of the day (around 4-4:30) the judges will announce and hand out prizes the fleece to shawl team winners as well as the best of show of the various projects that had been entered.