



**Heart of New Mexico
Fiber and Art Gathering**

2021 Handspun Yarn Show



We are working towards a national judging criteria. Please read and follow instructions exactly and be sure to list the specific intended use of your yarn. Rules are subject to change – please check back often before the festival.

Entries will be taken between 8:00am and 9:30am Saturday morning next to the gift shop at Wildlife West. There will be signs to direct you.

Fees: \$2.00 per skein. All fees must accompany your entries. Make checks payable to: Heart of New Mexico Fiber and Art Gathering.

Entries: An entry shall consist of one skein, which shall weigh at least one and one half ounces and must be tied with 4 figure 8 ties. No additional cards or tags will be allowed to be attached to your yarn. All information should be entered on your entry card. There is no limit on the number or type of skeins that each spinner may enter. All yarn must have been spun since 2020.

Fiber Content: You may enter yarns that are blended or plied with non-animal fibers of at least 60% by weight is animal.

There will be four Divisions: Expert Division, Novice Division, Drop/Hand Spindle Division, and a separate Novelty/Designer Division in which you may enter as either an Expert or Novice.

Expert Division: For spinners of any age who have won prior awards, spin professionally, or want to test acquired skill. See classes 1-9 below.

Novice Division: For spinners of any age, new to spinning, or are just getting back to the wheel. See classes 1-9 below.

Expert & Novice Classes:

- Wool, natural or dyed, single ply, smooth and even.
- Wool, natural or dyed, multiple ply, smooth and even.
- Mohair, natural or dyed, single ply, smooth and even.
- Mohair, natural or dyed, multiple ply, smooth and even.
- Angora Rabbit, natural or dyed, single or multiple ply, smooth and even.
- Alpaca, natural or dyed, single or multiple ply, smooth and even.
- Llama, natural or dyed, single or multiple ply, smooth and even.
- Other animal fibers, natural or dyed, single or multiple ply, smooth and even. (Dog, Bufflao, Cashmere, Jack-a-lope, etc.)
- Blends, natural or dyed, single or multiple ply, smooth and even.

Drop/Hand Spindle Division: The best yarn spun on a drop or hand spindle. Open to Novice and Expert Spinners. Single or plied yarn of wool or wool blend, natural or dyed, smooth and even yarn. See classes 1 & 2 below.

- Single
- Plied

Novelty/Designer Division: Open to all ages and skill levels, and has separate classes and judging criteria from other division. We've developed the Novelty/Designer Division with an eye on releasing the wild beast of creativity that lies latent in the heart of many a spinner. Judging emphasis in the Novelty/Designer Division is on the artistic merits of the yarn, with only a few points given for the technical aspect of cleanliness and suitability. You may enter the classes listed below as either an Expert or a Novice. Classes in this division are as follows:

Singles Yarn: (Slubs, Lock Spun, Tweeds, Garneted, Space Dyed, etc.)

- Natural Colored
- Dyed
- *Blended Fibers

Plied Yarn: (As above, plus Core Spun, Spiral, Boucle, Knot, Tufted, Crepe, etc.)

- Natural Colored
- Dyed
- *Blended Fibers

Classes may be combined or further divided based on the number of entries. Both the judge and the superintendent of the Yarn Show have the option to change the class designation of a skein if they determine the skein has been entered in the wrong class. Please read the criteria carefully.

Judging Criteria: Yarn in the Expert and Novice Divisions will be judged on (1) Suitability of yarn for its specific intended use as stated on the entry form, (example: woven scarf), (2) Consistency of twist, control of size and strength, (3) Preparation – cleanliness, distribution of color, etc., (4) Hand and finish – feel of the finished yarn, correct skeining and finishing.

Yarns in the Novelty/Designer Division will be judged on (1) Choice/Use of Color, (2) Choice/Use of Texture, (3) Originality/Inspiration of Design, (4) Cleanliness and Suitability for intended use.

Awards: 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place ribbons in each class of Expert, Novice, Drop/Hand Spindle and Novelty/Designer Divisions. Grand and Reserve Champion rosettes will be awarded in each Division above as well. Best in Show rosettes will also be awarded.

Sales: There will be no sales directly from the Yarn Show. Potential buyers will be directed to the booth of the spinner. Buyers may not take delivery before 4:30pm on Sunday. Because Festival rules disallow sales except by festival booth vendors, Yarn Show entrants who are not booth vendors cannot sell skeins at the Gathering.

Entry Release: Entries must remain on display for the entire festival. You may pick them up between 3:30pm and 4:30pm on Sunday. Heart of New Mexico Fiber and Art Gathering cannot be responsible for skeins remaining in the Jo White Theater after 4:30pm! Please note that we can no longer return any entries by mail, so please make sure that you do not pick up your skeins yourself, someone does for you.

Questions? Contact info@heartofnmfiberandartgathering.com