



# Mountain and Valley Wool Festival 2023

## Hand Dyed Yarn Show

### Sunday October 8

Santa Fe County Fair Grounds – Santa Fe, New Mexico

#### Information

##### Entries at the Festival

- \* Entries will be accepted for the Dyed Yarn Show in the Information Booth on Saturday, October 8th between 8:00 am and 4:30 pm.
- \* Entries will also be accepted at the Dyed Yarn Show area on Sunday, October 7th between 8:00 am and 9:00 am. NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER 9:00 am on Sunday.
- \* Prior to submitting your entry(ies), you must visit the Information Booth, make your payment and bring proof of payment to the Dyed Yarn Show area along with your entry(ies). The Information Booth opens at 8:00 am each day.
- \* Each entry must be accompanied with a Dyed Yarn Entry form securely attached. .
- \* At 10:00 am judging will begin and the Hand Dyed Yarn Show area will be closed. No late entries will be accepted after 9:00 am.
- \* When the judging is completed, the area will open for public viewing of the Dyed Yarn entries and awards.

##### Fees

- A. The first five entries across all the Festival Shows are free for MAVWA members and their immediate family members. For 6 or more entries the fee is \$5 per entry.
- B. \$10 per entry per show for non-MAVWA members.
- C. No charge for Wool Festival vendors for the first 5 entries. For 6 or more entries, \$5 per entry.
- D. There is no limit on the number or type of entries that each dyer may enter.

**Sales:** There will be no sales during the Hand Dyed Yarn Show.

##### Pick Up

- A. Entries may be picked up in person by the dyer or their designated representative (as indicated on the entry form) by 3:30 pm Sunday at the festival.
- B. Entries indicated to be returned by mail will be mailed to the dyer within 30 days after the event.
- C. Entries that are not picked up by 3:30pm Sunday October 8 or that did not indicate return by mail will be considered a donation to MAVWA. If you choose to donate your yarn, you may indicate "Silent Auction" as the pick-up authorization.



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#### Rules

##### I. Entry requirements:

An entry shall consist of

- \* 100% protein fiber such as animal fiber and/or silk.
- \* Two (2) essentially identical 2 yard skeins, approx. 100 grams each (1 for display and 1 for testing).
- \* One 4x4 inch swatch in stockinette stitch of dyed yarn using garter stitch as a border on all 4 sides.  
NOTE: Use additional yardage of the same dyed yarn to knit the swatch.
- \* Skeins must be tied in at least 2 places with the same color yarn as the dyed skein.
- \* Do NOT include the name of the color or any information that identifies you - judges will only see an identification number.
- \* Include a detailed narrative or statement concerning the yarn and the dyes you have selected and the dye method you have used, the name of skein, and your inspiration.
- \* All yarn entered must have been dyed since the last Mountain and Valley Wool Festival in October 2022.

##### II. Categories

- \* Natural dyes
- \* Chemical dyes

The Judges reserve the option to combine or split categories/classifications if there are insufficient or a large number of entries.

##### III. Classifications

- \* Home Dyers – those who may sell small quantities of yarn, but who dye primarily for their own use and enjoyment.
- \* Professional Dyers – those who dye and sell large quantities of yarn to supplement or earn a living from their dyeing.

##### IV. Awards

- \* 1st, 2nd, 3rd place in each category will receive a blue, red, white ribbon respectively.
- \* Champion and Reserve Champion will receive a ribbon and certificate
- \* A Silver Medallion may be awarded to the best overall Show entry  
To be eligible for the silver medallion, the source fibers must originate from the MAVWA region:  
Colorado, New Mexico, or Texas.

Awards are made at the Judges' discretion: if in their opinion no entries merit an award an award may not be given.

The Judges' decision will be final.



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#### V. Definitions

- \* Natural Dyes: Dyes derived directly from plant, mineral, or animal material.
- \* Hand Spun: Spun by hand on a wheel or spindle.
- \* Commercial Yarn: Yarn that has been spun by a Mill, regardless of the fiber source.

#### VI. Judging Criteria

- A. Completeness of Entry as described in Rules, Section I.
- B. Technical
  - Completeness of Color Application (i.e. absence of unintentional white spots)
  - Originality of technique
  - Use of fiber to enhance color
- C. Aesthetic
  - Originality and Interest of color combinations

#### VII. Competition Judging and Viewing

- \* At 10:00 am the Dyed Yarn Show area will be closed for Judging.
- \* The Show area will be reopened from 1:00-3:00 pm for competitors and Wool Festival attendees to view the entries and results of judging.

#### VIII. Awards

Award winners will be invited to meet at the Dyed Yarn Show area after judging - at 1:00 pm for photographs and presentation of the Silver Medallion.

If you have any questions, email [Info@MAVWAWoolFest.org](mailto:Info@MAVWAWoolFest.org).  
Please put 'Dyed Yarn Show' in the subject line to ensure your question is directed correctly.

We wish you success with your entry!