



MAVWA Wool Festival 2024

Garment & Home Accessories Show Description

Sunday, October 6th

Santa Fe Fairgrounds, New Mexico

ARTISTS - COME AND CELEBRATE THE 2024 MAVWA WOOL FESTIVAL

PLEASE NOTE: *THE GARMENT & HOME ACCESSORIES SHOW WILL BE HELD ON **SUNDAY** THIS YEAR*

We offer this unique opportunity for fiber artists to join us in supporting our regional fiber producers by creating original designs for our 2024 Garment and Home Accessories Show. All entries should promote, emphasize, and be "about" animal fiber.

In honor of the mission of the Mountain and Valley Wool Association, which produces the MAVWA Wool Festival, the Lorraine Mooney Memorial award and a Silver Medallion may be awarded to the 'Best in Show' out of all categories where animal fiber in the entry has been raised in Colorado/New Mexico/Texas/Navajo Nation.

Finished fiber goods may contain silk, plant fibers, synthetic fibers, and other materials in a **supporting** role. Examples are cotton warp and synthetic stuffing covered by wool fabrics.

NOTE: US supporting fiber ranks higher than non-US fiber. Entries may not be from a kit.

Entries must have been completed between Nov. 2023 and Oct 3, 2024.

If you would like to mail in your entry, please see Page 3 for instructions.

TIMES

- Entries will be accepted for the Garment & Home Accessories (GHA) Show in the **Information Booth** on **Saturday Oct. 7 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.**, and in the **GHA Show Area on Sunday 8 to 8:50 a.m.** IT'S HIGHLY RECOMMENDED THAT YOU PUT EACH ENTRY IN A SEPARATE BAG OR CONTAINER WITH THE ENTRY FORM ATTACHED WHEN SUBMITTING. This will help avoid any mix-ups when our volunteers unpack the entries.
 - a. Prior to submitting your item(s), you **must** visit the Information Booth, pay for your entry/entries, and receive a payment ticket for the GHA Show. The Information Booth will open at **8 a.m.** on Saturday.
 - b. Bring your payment ticket(s) and your completed 2024 GHA Entry Form(s), along with the item(s) to the **GHA Show Area by 8:50 a.m. on Sunday. Late entries will not be accepted.**
- At 9:00 a.m. sharp on Sunday the Show Tent will be closed to prepare for Judging.
- From 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm on Sunday the GHA Show Area will be opened for participants and the public to view the items in the show, along with the Judges' awards and comments.
- From 3:00 to 3:30 pm on Sunday all entries must be picked up and checked out by the artist or documented assignee. Unless you requested your item(s) to be returned by mail, unclaimed items will be donated to the MAVWA Silent Auction for the following year. You may also donate your item to MAVWA by putting 'Silent Auction' as your authorized pick-up.

AWARDS PRESENTATION

- At 1:00pm on Sunday, the winners will be photographed along with their winning entries, and the Show Manager will present any special awards. **Please plan to be present then to join the presentations.**
 - a. 1st, 2nd and 3rd place ribbons will be displayed with the item and be picked up by the winner along with their entry.
 - b. Lorraine Mooney Memorial and Silver Medallion award will also receive a certificate describing their award.



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FEES

- MAVWA members and 2024 TWF Vendors (including their family members) are allowed up to 3 entries total for no fee across all the MAVWA Wool Festival shows and competitions.
- Non-Members: \$10 per entry/item per show

Judging Criteria

Judging is based on:

- Quality of construction,
- Skill (weaving, knitting/crocheting or felting),
- Creativity in design and fiber/material selection.

The Judges may, at their discretion, combine or split Categories and/or Classes where there are too many or too few entries.

The Judges reserve the right to not make award(s) if they deem the entries don't merit it.

The Judges' decisions are final.

Judging Categories and Classes

Categories:

- A. Felted,
- B. Knit / Crochet,
- C. Hand Woven,

Each Category will be further sub-divided into the following **CLASSES**:

1. Garments/Wearables, Personal Accessories (hats, purses, etc.)
2. Home Accessories, Art.

There will be an additional Category for **YOUTH** entries incorporating all the above Categories and Classes. Youth is defined as under the age of 18 at the time of the Festival

Awards

- I. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place ribbons may be awarded in each CLASS, and for overall YOUTH entry:
 - a. Felted item.
 - b. Knit/Crochet item.
 - c. Hand Woven item.
- II. The **Lorraine Mooney Award** commemorates the best item in the show that is made entirely of Colorado / New Mexico / Texas/Navajo Nation raised animal wool fiber. A Silver Medallion will also be awarded with the Lorraine Mooney Memorial Award.

Questions? Email: info@MAVWAwoolfestival.org and put '**GHA**' in the subject line.

Thank you – we look forward to receiving your entry!



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Instructions for Mail-In Entries:

Mail-In Entries ahead of the Festival

- Entry Items, accompanying entry forms, and any fees due may be mailed to the GHA Show Manager, to be received no later than September 14, 2024. We recommend you obtain a tracking number for your package.

MAVWA,

Attn.: GHA Show Manager,

PO Box **2754** , Taos, NM 87571

- If you are mailing more than one entry, please place each entry, along with its paperwork, in a separate clear bag inside your package to avoid mixing up entries when they are unpacked.
- Please include a pre-paid USPS Priority mailing label including tracking and insurance if you would like us to return your entry.
- MAVWA will not be responsible for any items lost in transit and we strongly recommend you obtain mailing insurance .

For questions, e-mail **Info@MAVWAWoolFest.org** Include 'GHA Show' in the subject line.