



Mountain and Valley Wool Festival 2024

Hand Dyed YARN Show

Sunday, October 6

Santa Fe County Fair Grounds – Santa Fe, New Mexico

HAND-DYED YARN SHOW RULES

(There are separate Rules & Entry Forms for the Dyed FIBER Show. Please be sure you're using the correct form for your entry)

Definitions

- Natural Dyes: Dyes derived directly from plant, mineral, or animal material.
- Commercial Dyes: Synthetic dyes manufactured commercially, often using acid in the dyeing process.
- 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.

Entries at the Festival

- Entries will be accepted for the Hand Dyed Yarn Show in the Information Booth on Saturday, October 5th, between 8:00 AM and 4:30 PM.
- Entries will be accepted at the Yarn and Fiber Show area on Sunday, October 6th, between 8:00 AM and 9:00 AM. No late entries will be accepted after 9:00 AM Sunday, October 6th.
- Prior to submitting the entry, you must visit the Information Booth, register and pay for your entry, and receive proof of payment for the Hand Dyed Yarn Show. The Information Booth is open on Saturday, October 5th, between 8:00 AM and 4:30 PM AND on Sunday, October 6th, starting at 8:00 AM. Entries must be paid for and submitted by 9AM.
- Bring the proof of payment and completed 2024 Hand Dyed Yarn Show Entry Form, along with your entries to the Yarn and Fiber Show area. We suggest that you complete the forms ahead of time to expedite the process.
- At 10:00 AM judging will begin and the Show area will be closed. No late entries will be accepted after 9:00 AM Sunday, October 6th.
- When the judging is completed, the area will open for public viewing of the Show entries and their awards.

Mail-In Entries ahead of the Festival

- Skeins, entry forms, and fees may be mailed to the Hand-Dyed Yarn Show Manager, to be received no later than September 14, 2024. We recommend you obtain a tracking number for your package.
MAVWA,
Attn.: Hand-Dyed Yarn 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 envelope 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 'Hand-Dyed Show' in the subject line.



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Fees

- No charge for MAVWA members and their family up to 5 entries total between competitions. For entries beyond 5, the fee is \$5 per entry.
- No charge for 2024 Vendors up to 5 entries total between competitions. For entries beyond 5, the fee is \$5 per entry.
- \$10 per entry/item per show for non-MAVWA members.
- 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 and Fiber Shows.

Pick Up

- Entries may be picked up in person by the dyer or designated representative (as indicated on the entry form) by 3:00 PM Sunday at the Yarn and Fiber Show area.
- Entries indicated to be returned by mail will be mailed to the dyer within 30 days after the event.
- If you choose to donate your fiber, you may indicate “Silent Auction” as the pick-up authorization.
- Entries that are not picked up by 4:00 PM Sunday, October 6, and that did not indicate return by mail will be considered a donation to MAVWA.



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Rules

I. Entry requirements (Hand Dyed Yarn Show)

An entry shall consist of

- 100% protein fiber such as animal fiber and/or silk.
- Two (2) essentially identical approximately 2 yard skeins. (1 for display and 1 for testing fiber).
- One 4x4 inch swatch in stockinette stitch of dyed yarn using garter stitch as a border on all 4 sides. NOTE: Use an additional length of the testing skein to knit the swatch, ensure you have 2 yards remaining, then tie it into a 2 yard skein.
- Skeins must be tied in at least two places with the same color yarn as the dyed skein. Do not use a contrasting color to tie your skeins.
- Do NOT include the name of the colorway or any information that identifies you - judges will only see an identification number attached to your entry.
- Include a detailed narrative or statement concerning the yarn and the dyes you have selected, the dye method you have used, and your inspiration.
- All skeins entered must have been dyed since the last Mountain and Valley Wool Festival in October 2023.

II. Categories

- Natural dyes
- Commercial dyes

III. Classifications

- Home Dyers – those who may sell small quantities of dyed 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

The judge reserves the option to combine categories/classifications if there are insufficient entries.

IV. Awards

Awards are made at the Judge's discretion, and if no entries merit it, an award may not be given. The Judge's decision will be final.

- 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place, Reserve Champion and Champion may be awarded in each category/classification.
- Silver Medallion may be awarded to Best Overall Hand Dyed Yarn entry.
- To be eligible for the Silver Medallion, the source fibers must be 100% animal wool (no silk) and originate from the MAVWA region, consisting of Colorado, New Mexico, Texas, and the Navajo Nation (NN).



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VI. Judging Criteria

- A. Completeness of Entry as described in **Rules I** above.
- B. Technical
 - Completeness of Color Application
 - Absence of unintentional white spots
 - Color penetration
 - Colorfastness and/or Crocking
 - Originality of Technique,
 - Use of fiber to enhance color
- C. Aesthetic
 - Interest of color combinations
 - Success at meeting stated purpose or goals

VII. Competition Judging and Viewing

- At 9:00 AM the 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 Dyed Yarn entries and awards.
- Winning entries will be asked to come to the Show location at 1:00 PM for photos and presentation of the Silver Medallion (if awarded).

VIII. Awards

- 1st, 2nd and 3rd place award ribbons, Champion and Reserve Champion rosettes will be attached to the winning entries.
- Champion and Silver Medallion award entries will have a certificate attached to the winning entry.