

Mountain and Valley Wool Association 2024 Wool Festival - SPUN YARN Show

Saturday, October 5th, 2024 Santa Fe County Fair Grounds, Santa Fe, New Mexico

Information, Rules, and Entry Forms for Handspun and Millspun Yarn

Information

MAVWA is delighted to announce that the Navajo Nation (NN) has been added to the MAVWA supported area. This means that show entries from the Nation are eligible for Silver Medallion awards if the items are 100% wool raised and sourced within the NN boundaries.

The Hand and Mill Spun Yarn Show is open to entrants from anywhere, and to all types of animal fiber and animal fiber blends. At the Judge's discretion, Special awards may be given to entries sourced from the MAVWA area: NM, CO, TX, and the Navajo Nation (NN).

MAIL IN ENTRIES IN ADVANCE OF THE FESTIVAL

- Skeins, entry forms, and fees may be mailed to the Spun Yarn Show Manager, to be received no later than September 15, 2023. We recommend you obtain a tracking number for your package.

MAVWA,
Attn.: Spun Yarn Show Manager,
PO Box 2754 , Taos, NM 87571

- If you are mailing more than one entry, please place each entry skein, along with its paperwork in a separate 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 after the Festival.
- MAVWA will not be responsible for any skeins lost in transit: we recommend you obtain mailing insurance .

WALK IN ENTRIES AT THE FESTIVAL

- Entries will be accepted at the Yarn Show in the Information Booth between 8:00 and 9:00 am on Saturday, October 5th .
- Prior to submitting the entry, **you must visit the Information Booth** to pay for your entry and receive proof of payment for the Spun Yarn Show. The Information Booth will open at 8:00 AM.
- Bring the proof of payment and completed 2024 Yarn Show Entry Form, along with your yarn skeins to the Yarn Show area.
- At 10:00 am judging will begin and the Yarn Show area will be closed. **No late entries will be accepted after 9:00am.**
- People's Choice voting for Millspun entries will take place outside of the Show area at the same time as the judging inside.
- When judging is completed, the area will open for public viewing of Handspun and Millspun entries and their awards.

FEES

- No charge for MAVWA members, 2024 Vendors, and their immediate family up to 5 entries total between the competitions. For 6 or more entries the fee is \$5 per entry.
- \$10 per entry per show for non-MAVWA members
- There is no limit on the number or type of skeins that each spinner may enter.

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SALES

There will be no sales during the Spun Yarn Show.

PICK UP

- Entries may be picked up in person by the spinner or a designated representative (as indicated on the entry form) between 4:30 and 5:00 pm Saturday at the Festival.
- Entries indicated to be returned via pre-paid mail will be mailed to the entrant within thirty days after the Festival.
- Entries that are not picked up by 5:00 pm 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.

If you have questions, e-mail Info@MAVWAWoolFest.org Include 'SpunYarn' in the subject line.

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Rules

I. ENTRY REQUIREMENTS (**HANDSPUN** AND **MILLSPUN** ENTRIES):

- An entry shall consist of **one skein**. Each skein entered must have a separate accompanying entry form.
- All yarn entered must have been spun since the last Mountain and Valley Wool Association Wool Festival in October 2023.
- The skein must be at least 25 yds. in length, clean, and finished.
- Skeins must be tied in four places with figure-eight ties using the same yarn being shown or yarn that is a similar color. Ties should not contrast with the skein.
- **Very Important! Include the end use on the entry form. What could be made using the finished yarn? How would you make the end product -- knit, crochet, weave, etc.** This helps the judge(s) in their assessment.

NOTE: **Sections II.& III apply to Handspun entries only.**

Tip for handspun entries: Provide as much information about your yarn as possible. The more the judges know, the better your chances at receiving a higher score. For example: raw fleece, commercial roving, all prep done by the exhibitor, hand-dyed, commercial or natural dye, method of spinning and plying etc.). Indicating the source of the fiber will determine eligibility for the Silver Medallion – Best in Show award.

II. **HANDSPUN CLASSES AND CATEGORIES**

Classes:

- A. Youth/Beginner:** Youths are age 15 and under. Beginners are novices of any age, new to spinning, or spinning for 1 year or less.
- B. Intermediate:** Spinning 1 to 4 years
- C. Experienced:** Spinning more than 4 years

Categories:

- #1:** 100% wool;
- #2:** Wool blends (at least 60% wool, *may include some silk*);
- #3:** Other animal fibers;
- #4:** Art Yarn/Novelty/Designer (at least 60% wool, *may include some silk and non-animal fibers*);
- #5:** Spindle Spun (must submit a photograph of yarn on the spindle).

CO/NM/TX/NN animal fibers: Fiber from animals raised in Colorado, New Mexico, or Texas.

Other: Fiber from animals that are not raised in Colorado, New Mexico, Texas, or the Navajo Nation.

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Handspun Judging Criteria

Members of the Southwest Spinners Handspun Judges (SSHJ) have developed a Yarn Judge Certification Program, based on a similar program of the Northwest Regional Spinners, in order to standardize the way hand-spun yarn is judged across the country.

One or more judges who are SSHJ certified will evaluate hand-spun yarn at the MAVWA Wool Festival. The judge(s) will issue prize ribbons, rosettes and entrants will receive valuable feedback to help improve their spinning.

Skeins are graded on presentation, technique, quality of spinning, fiber choice for type of yarn spun, and suitability of yarn for finished project.

During judging, the judge has the right to combine classes that have very few entries, to divide overly full classes, and to move skeins that would fare better in a more appropriate class.

The judge's decisions are final.

III. HANDSPUN AWARDS:

- For Youth and Beginner Classes, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place ribbons may be awarded by the Judge(s).
- For Intermediate and Experienced Classes, SSHJ judges use the Danish system for scoring: 90 points and above receives a blue ribbon, 80-89 receives a red ribbon, 70-79 receives a white ribbon.
- The Silver Medallion is awarded for overall Best of Show for Handspun Yarn. To be eligible for the Silver Medallion, the source wool fibers must originate from animals raised in the MAVWA region, consisting of Colorado, New Mexico, Texas, and the Navajo Nation, **and** be 100% animal fiber (no silk).

IV. MILL SPUN ENTRIES

Eligible entries are those from fiber mills that have spun yarn in-house on their equipment. Refer to Information and Section I. of the Rules for Entry Submission, Fees, Pick Up, and Requirements.

Millspun People's Choice Judging and Awards

Millspun entries will be judged through votes by Wool Festival attendees. Festival participants will be allowed to handle and closely examine the entries, then will indicate their favorite entry by casting a paper ballot. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place ribbons will be awarded according to the number of votes cast by participants. 1st place will be awarded to the entry receiving the highest number of votes; 2nd place to the next highest number, and so on.

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Entry Forms – Handspun and Millspun

1. Read the Information and Rules on Pages 1 – 4 carefully.
2. Complete an Entry Form for each skein you submit. Include the completed form(s) with your skein(s). Separate forms are required for each skein entered.
3. The information on the entry forms will be used by either the Judges for Handspun entries or the Festival goers for People’s Choice Millspun voting.
4. Whether you’re submitting one or several entries, we strongly recommend that you place each entry and its accompanying documentation in a separate clear bag when turning them in. This will help avoid any mix-ups when our Volunteers unpack them for display.
5. Please fill out the appropriate form carefully and completely and, if hand-written, make sure your writing is clearly legible before attaching the form securely to the skein. This is very important so that the judges/voters can have as much detail as possible about your yarn.

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Name of Spinner/Mill: _____	Entry # _____ <i>(for Festival Staff use)</i>
Name of Entrant (if Millspun): _____	
CLASS If hand spun: <input type="checkbox"/> Youth/Beginner <input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate <input type="checkbox"/> Experienced. # Years Spinning? _____	
Mailing Address: _____	
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____	
Best Phone #: _____	
E-Mail Address: _____ Please PRINT clearly!	
MAVWA Member: <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes If a Vendor, Booth # _____ (NOTE: You do not need to be a Member or Vendor to enter an item.)	
Drop off or Mail? <input type="checkbox"/> Walk In <input type="checkbox"/> Mail In <i>(If mailing, see page 1)</i>	
Who is authorized to pick up your yarn if you are not able? _____	
Pick up Signature: _____ <i>(at time of pick-up)</i> Pick up time is between 4:30pm and 5:00 pm on Saturday NOTE: If not picked up by 5:00 pm on Saturday, your entry will donated to next year's Silent Auction fundraiser (see Pick-Up on Page 2)	
CLASS: <input type="checkbox"/> A. Youth/Beginner <input type="checkbox"/> B. Intermediate <input type="checkbox"/> C. Experienced	
CATEGORY: <input type="checkbox"/> 1. 100% Wool <input type="checkbox"/> 2. Wool Blends (Min. 60% wool) <input type="checkbox"/> 3. Other Animal Fiber <input type="checkbox"/> 4. Art Yarn/Novelty <input type="checkbox"/> 5. Spindle-Spun	
In order for you to enter the Spun Yarn Show, sign below to indicate you agree to the following: The Mountain Valley Wool Association, which produces the Wool Festival, will make every effort to care for my entry but assumes no responsibility for loss or damage. I agree that the judges' decisions are final. The information I provided in the Entry Forms is truthful and accurate. I have read, understood, and agree to abide by the Spun Yarn Show rules.	
Name: _____ Date: _____	
Signature: _____	

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Do not include any information that could identify you on the forms below, otherwise your entry will be disqualified.

2024 MAVWA <u>Handspun</u> Yarn Competition	Entry # _____	
Fiber Content _____		
Source or Farm where purchased or raised (if known): _____		
Fiber from a Colorado/New Mexico/Texas/NN source?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Fiber from a US source?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Original form (e.g., raw, sliver, roving): _____		
How did you prepare it for spinning? _____		
Yarn type (e.g., single, # of plies, novelty, etc.): _____		
Spun on	<input type="checkbox"/> Wheel <input type="checkbox"/> Spindle (Submit a photograph of yarn on the spindle)	
Yarn color:	<input type="checkbox"/> Natural <input type="checkbox"/> Dyed: ___By you? ___Purchased dyed?	
End use for this yarn? Please give details. <i>Continue over if needed.</i>		
Circle: Youth/Beginner 100% Wool	Intermediate (2-4 yr.) Wool Blend Other Animal Fiber	Experienced (4+ years) Art/Novelty Spindle Spun

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2024 MAVWA Wool Festival <u>Millspun</u> Yarn Competition	Entry # _____
Fiber Content <i>approx. % of each:</i> _____	
Source or Farm where purchased or raised (if known): _____	
Fiber from a Colorado/New Mexico/Texas/NN source?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
How was it prepared for spinning? <i>Describe the mill processing steps.</i>	
Yarn color	<input type="checkbox"/> Natural <input type="checkbox"/> Dyed ___By the mill?
End use for this yarn? <i>Please give details.</i>	