

NATURAL FIBER ARTS

Hodge Exhibit Hall

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A growing number of small farms with fiber animals, as well as a renewed interest in working with natural fibers, inspired this department. There are numerous individuals and groups who spin, felt, knit, crochet, and weave with natural fibers who want to exhibit and educate.

Items made with yarns made from man-made materials should be entered and judged in the Crafts and Needlework Department.

DIVISIONS:

- I. Item of Home Spun Natural Fiber Yarn
- II. Item of Mill Spun Natural Fiber Yarn
- III. Item of Both Mill & Home Spun Natural Fiber Yarns
 - A. Hat
 - B. Mittens/Gloves/Mitts
 - C. Sweater
 - D. Socks
 - E. Scarf/Cowl
 - F. Shawl/Stole/Shrug
 - G. Totes/Bags
 - H. Home Goods
 - I. Sculpture (3-D)
 - J. Jewelry
 - K. Wall Hanging
 - L. Mask
 - M. Vessel
 - N. Infant/Toddler/Child Clothes
 - O. Vest
 - P. Skein (Division I only)
 - Q. Other _____

Division Examples:

- Hat made of Home Spun I - A
- Sock made of Mill Spun yarn II - D
- Afghan made of both types III - H

CATEGORIES (process):

- 1. Knitted (indicate if machine knit)
- 2. Crocheted
- 3. Woven
- 4. Repurposed/Up-cycled
- 5. Wet felted
- 6. Needle felted
- 7. Any combination of processes 1-6
- 8. Home spun skeins, circle one:
 - a. Single ply
 - b. 2-ply
 - c. 3-ply
 - d. Other ply _____

Intended use:

Produced on (check one)

- Drop spindle
- Spinning wheel

Home spun skeins must be hand spun by exhibit with a minimum amount of 2 oz. submitted (except exotic classes). Skeins must be wound into hank, washed to set twist and tied neatly in 4 places with matching ties.

- 9. Other process _____

CLASS (type of fiber):

- SW 100% Sheep Wool
- WB Wool Blend
- EX Exotic (Any animal fiber other than sheep)
- PF Plant Fiber (please indicate fiber type)
- OT Other (please indicate)

INSTRUCTIONS & RULES:

1. All items submitted for judging must be made predominantly of natural fibers.
2. Maximum of 10 entries may be submitted per exhibitor for judging.
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4. All entries submitted for judging must have been made by the exhibitor and produced between Oct. 9, 2021 and Oct. 7, 2022, and show no signs of wear. If items submitted for judging show significant signs of wear, they will be displayed only, but not judged. (Significant signs of wear may include pilling, soiled spots, holes, etc.)
5. All entries will be judged on their own merit and ribbons will be awarded using the Danish system: Blue (\$8.00), Red (\$6.00), White (\$4.00), and Honorable Mention (no premium).
6. Entries should be unique in process and type of fiber.
7. For added interest, exhibitors may include a 4x6 description card for each entry, which will not be displayed with the entry until judging is complete.
8. All entries must:
 - Be received at the Hodge Building between 4 PM and 7:30 PM on Friday, Oct. 7
 - Must stay on display until 5 PM, Monday, Oct. 10
 - Must be picked up between 5 - 6 PM on Monday, Oct. 10
 - Premiums will be forfeited if above requirements are not met.

Entry Forms for the Natural Fiber Arts Department are available from the department chairpersons and online at www.thesandwichfair.com.

Natural Fiber Arts Department Special Awards:

Overall Best in Show \$50.00	Sponsor: Sandwich Home Industries
Best in Show Adult \$10.00	Sponsor: SFA Natural Fiber Arts Department
Best in Show Junior \$10.00	Sponsor: SFA Natural Fiber Arts Department
Best in Show Felted Entry \$10.00	Sponsor: Soft Touch Farm, Center Sandwich NH
Best in Show 100% Wool Entry \$10.00	Sponsor: Kindred Spirit Farm, Center Sandwich NH
Best in Show Home Spun Entry \$10.00	Sponsor: Forrest Acres Farm, North Sandwich NH
Best in Show Entry Made from Yarn Hand-Spun by the Entrant \$10.00	Sponsor: Partridge Hill Farm, Center Sandwich