

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 that want to exhibit and educate.

Visit our **FLEECE to SHAWL exhibit and demonstration** to learn how these fibers are transformed from fleece into yarn and then hand-woven into beautiful, colorful shawls that you can win in a raffle to support 4H in Sandwich!

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 Yarn

SUB-DIVISIONS

- 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 _____

EXHIBITOR ENTRY FORM EXAMPLES

“Department/Division” column

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

“Class/Category” column

Wool Blend Knitted	SW - 1
Mohair Homespun Skein	EX - 8

CATEGORY (process):

- 1. Knitted (indicate if machine knit)
- 2. Crocheted
- 3. Woven
- 4. Repurposed/Up-cycled
- 5. Wet felted
- 6. Needle felted
- 7. Other process _____

- 8. Combination of any processes 1-7 (List) _____

- 9. Home spun skeins, circle one:

a. Singles b. 2-ply c. 3-ply d. Other ply _____

Intended use: _____

Fiber processed by: Exhibitor Mill

Picked Carded Combed Blender Board

Produced on: Drop spindle Spinning wheel

Home spun skeins must be hand spun by exhibitor 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.

CLASS: Include fiber types used

SW 100% Sheep Wool

WB Wool Blend

EX Exotic

PF Plant Fiber (Describe) _____

OT Other (Describe) _____

INSTRUCTIONS & RULES:

1. All items submitted for judging must be made predominantly of natural fibers.
2. *Embroidered and needlepoint items, and any Items made with yarns made from man-made materials should be entered and judged in the Crafts and Needlework Department.*
3. Maximum of 10 entries may be submitted per exhibitor for judging.
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5. All entries submitted for judging must have been made and produced by the Exhibitor between Oct. 8, 2022 and Oct. 6, 2023, 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.)
6. 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).
7. Entries should be unique in process and type of fiber. Entrants will receive the judging sheet(s) used to evaluate their item(s) when they pick up their items on Monday.
8. 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.
9. All entries must:
 - Be received at the Hodge Building between 4:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 6th.
 - Must stay on display until 5 p.m., Monday, Oct. 9th.
 - Must be picked up between 5 - 6 p.m. Monday, Oct. 9th. Premiums will be forfeited if above requirements are not met.

Exhibitor Entry Forms (1 for each **exhibitor**) and **Exhibit Identification Forms** (1 for each **item entered**) required 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: TBA
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