



Estes Park Handspun Skein and Project Contest

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Entry Fee: \$3 per skein

Entry Time/Drop Off:

Skeins and Finished Items/Projects will be accepted from 12:00pm -1:00pm Thursday June 8th and 8am to 4:00pm on Friday, June 9th in the Estes Park Event Center. Skeins will not be accepted after 8:45am Saturday. Judging is opened to the public and takes place Saturday, June 11 from 9am to 4pm.

We will accept mail in yarns as long as it arrives no later than June 6, 2022. Mail to: Estes Park Events Complex, 1125 Rooftop Way, Estes Park CO 80517.

The other drop off location is at The Longmont Yarn Shoppe (LYS) from May 31-June 8, 2022.

Pick Up:

Pick up is at Estes Park Event Center lobby on Sunday, June 11 from 3-4pm. All items (skeins and/or projects) will not be returned by mail unless a self-addressed postage-paid envelope is provided. Any items not picked up will become the property of the Estes Park Wool Market

Judge:

Kira Dulaney (Oakland, CA)- Kira Dulaney has been teaching fiber arts classes and hosting crafty events since 2002 and is the designer behind Kira K Designs, a line of original knitting and crochet patterns and kits. Kira has taught at Estes Park Wool Market, Interweave Yarn Fest, Lambtown Festival, the Natural Fiber Fair, Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival, Stitches events, and TNNA, as well as numerous guilds and yarn shops. Kira enjoys the educational aspect of judging and making suggestions to improve future projects.

Ribbons: First through third place, all classes. (See page on class descriptions)

Judging: Judging will be open to the public and takes place Saturday, June 10 from 9am to 4pm upstairs in the Event Center.

Judging will be based on: Preparation of fiber (if applicable), consistency, size, feel and twist appropriate to purpose of yarn use, and correct skeining. See link on "Proper Skeining and Labeling". Projects will be judged on prep,

The Judge has the right to shift entries to more appropriate classes. The Judges' decisions are final. All entries will be displayed uncovered, but supervised during Wool Market hours. The Wool Market will make every effort to display and care for the entered pieces, but assumes no responsibility for damage or loss.

Requirements:

- Each skein must be a continuous skein spun by the contestant since the 2022 Wool Market.
- Each project must be finished since the 2022 Wool Market and be done using your own handspun yarn. The handspun yarn can be finished any year we just ask that the project be finished since wool market 2022.
- Only one entry will be accepted per class per person.
- All entries must include:
 - A completed registration/entry form. If you are entering more than one category only one entry form is required.
 - Judging Card filled out for each entry
 - Check or cash- \$3 per item entered. Please make checks payable to the Town of Estes Park.

Instructions for Handspun Skeins:

1. Each handspun skein entry must be prepared and spun by the entrant alone.
2. "Fine" yarn is 20 or more wraps per inch and each skein of fine yarn must weigh at least 1 ounce
3. "Medium" yarn is 10-19 wraps per inch and each skein must weigh at least 2 ounces.
4. "Thick" yarn is less than 10 wraps per inch and each skein must weigh at least 2 ounces.
5. Classes S13, S14, S22, S23, and S24 must weigh at least 1 ounce.
6. Each skein must be 1.5-2 yards in circumference and wound neatly. See link on "Proper Skeining and Labeling".
6. Remember to include technique description and intended use.
7. Professional Class: If you have previously won three or more Champion awards in this contest, if you teach, or sell your handspun yarn, PLEASE enter this category. You will receive an in-depth critique of your skein. Two entries will be allowed in this class. Entries in this category will not be eligible for Grand or Reserve Champion, but will be awarded first through third place ribbons.

Instructions for Projects Made From Handspun

1. Handspun yarn spun by the entrant can be from commercially processed fiber or fiber process by the entrant.

2. Projects need to be made with Handspun Yarn. Yarn can be finished any time project needs to be finished since the 2022 Wool Market.

Prizes

Each class will be awarded 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place ribbons. Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion will be awarded to handspun skeins, and finished projects. Junior division will be awarded ribbons in each class as well as Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion ribbons. Cash prizes will be awarded in each class for 1st, 2nd, 3rd place, Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion. Two special ribbons will be awarded: 1. Judges Choice 2. People's Choice. Voting for peoples choice will happen throughout the weekend and announced Sunday at 12:00pm.

Special Prizes

People's Choice Award for Handspun Skein- Donated by Northern Colorado Weavers Guild (\$25)

People's Choice Award for Weaving- Donated by Northern Colorado Weavers Guild (\$25)

Flock Award – given to the highest combined placement for 5 handspun skein entries across any 5 different classes – donated anonymously (\$50)

Best Novelty Skein- Prize bag from Hummingbird Moon

Best Spindle-Spun Skein- Donated by Warp and Woolen (\$25)

Best Junior Spinner- Donated by Warp and Woolen (\$25)



Classes:

Skeins- 100% Wool

- S01 100% Sheep's Wool: fine single-ply
- S02 100% Sheep's Wool: medium single-ply
- S03 100% Sheep's Wool: thick single-ply
- S04 100% Sheep's Wool: fine 2 or more plies
- S05 100% Sheep's Wool: medium 2 or more-plies
- S06 100% Sheep's Wool: thick 2 or more plies,
- S07 100% Angora (mohair) and Pygora Goat: Single or multi-plied
- S08 Other Goat (cashmere, cashgora): single or multi-plied
- S09 Paco-vicunas: single or multi-plied
- S10 Llama: single or multi-plied
- S11 Alpaca-Huacaya: single or multi-plied
- S12 Alpaca-Suri: single or multi-plied
- S13 Angora Rabbit: single or multi-plied (1 ounce)
- S14 100% other animal down fiber: includes bison, dog hair, qiviut, yak, etc. (1 ounce)

Skeins- at least 50% wool

- S15 Fine single-ply
- S16 Medium single-ply
- S17 Thick single-ply
- S18 Fine 2 or more plies
- S19 Medium 2 or more-plies
- S20 Thick 2 or more plies,
- S21 Novelty yarn

Skeins- Other

- S22 Cellulose single-ply (1 ounce)
- S23 Cellulose multiple-ply (1 ounce)
- S24 Silk single or multiple-ply (1 ounce)

Skeins- Spun on drop or support spindle

- S25 Handspun on a drop or support spindle: single ply, any of the above fibers.
- S26 Handspun on a spindle: 2 or more plies, any of the above fibers.

Professional Class

- S27 Professional class

Projects- Be creative, using your own handspun to create an item

P01 Project Sample: yarn of animal fiber different from anything else entered, plus a 4x4" sample of what that yarn was spun for (i.e. knitted, woven or crocheted, etc.) a paragraph explaining the sample must be included.

P02 Wearable Knit

P03 Miscellaneous Knit

P04 Wearable Crochet

P05 Miscellaneous Crochet

P06 Wearable Handwoven

P07 Miscellaneous Handwoven

P08 Wearable Felted- fulled from handspun yarn

P09 Miscellaneous Felted- fulled from handspun yarn

P10 Any finished project with at least 50% handspun yarn with no more than 50% commercially produced yarn. (Must provide sample of yarns used, with project)

Junior Division:

Participants must be 18 years old or younger. The Junior Division is composed of all classes using the same criteria as the Adult Division, above. Ribbons are the same as the Adult Division