

# Divisions/Classes

## HANDWEAVING & SPINNING

### DIVISIONS:

- 1 HANDWEAVING
- 2 BASKETS-WOVEN
- 3 FELTED AND WADMAL
- 4 DYEING
- 5 HAND SPINNING
- 6 SPECIAL PEOPLE
- 7 JUNIOR EXHIBITOR

### REGULATIONS:

1. Competitive exhibition is open to all handweavers and spinners.
2. All weaving or spinning shall be done by the exhibitor.
3. All articles, other than clothing, should be hand finished. Machine stitching will be allowed only if it adds to the durability of the item. If finishing is done by someone else, it must be stated on the entry blank.
4. Please write fiber content and intended use of item on entry form to aid judge (includes handspun yarn entries)
5. If possible, please include a small sample swatch, which we can allow the public to touch and examine. This helps protect your work.
6. Exhibitors may enter two items per class.

### JUDGES POINTS OF CONSIDERATION—ALL ENTRIES

1. Quality of Weaving
  - a. No mistakes
  - b. Balance of warp to weft
2. General Appearance
  - a. Unity of design
  - b. Color
  - c. Finishing technique
  - d. Clean and properly pressed
3. Suitability to Purpose
  - a. Fiber content
  - b. Size
  - c. Pattern Selection
  - d.

### DIVISION 1: HANDWEAVING

#### **ENTRY FEE: \$1.25 per article**

PREMIUMS: 1<sup>st</sup>-\$15; 2<sup>nd</sup>-\$10; 3<sup>rd</sup>-\$5

- WW-1-1 Yardage, any fiber (minimum 2 yards)
- WW-1-2 Garments
- WW-1-3 Scarves and shawls
- WW-1-4 Any other clothing item
- WW-1-5 Pillows

- WW-1-6 Table linens, any fiber, includes placemats, set of 4
- WW-1-7 Afghans, baby blankets
- WW-1-8 Rugs, wool
- WW-1-9 Rugs, any other fiber
- WW-1-10 Saddle blankets
- WW-1-11 Wall hangings
- WW-1-12 Tapestries
- WW-1-13 Coverlets
- WW-1-14 Miscellaneous: towels, etc.

### DIVISION 2: BASKETS

#### **ENTRY FEE: \$1.25 per article**

PREMIUMS: 1<sup>st</sup>-\$10; 2<sup>nd</sup>-\$5; 3<sup>rd</sup>-\$3

- WW-2-15 Traditional basket
- WW-2-16 Embellished basket

### DIVISION 3: FELTED AND WADMAL

#### **ENTRY FEE: \$1.25 per article**

PREMIUMS: 1<sup>st</sup>-\$10; 2<sup>nd</sup>-\$5; 3<sup>rd</sup>-\$3

- WW-3-17 Felted item
- WW-3-18 Wadmam item

### DIVISION 4: DYEING

#### **ENTRY FEE: \$1.25 per article**

PREMIUMS: 1<sup>st</sup>-\$10; 2<sup>nd</sup>-\$5; 3<sup>rd</sup>-\$3

- WW-4-19 Hand dyed or painted skein
- WW-4-20 Hand dyed or painted fabric or finished project

### DIVISION 5: HAND SPINNING

All skeins of yarn must be 60 yards minimum

#### **ENTRY FEE: \$1.25 per article**

PREMIUMS: 1<sup>st</sup>-\$10; 2<sup>nd</sup>-\$5; 3<sup>rd</sup>-\$3

- WW-5-21 Handspun, woven yardage or clothing item (include piece of yarn)
  - WW-5-22 Handspun, woven, any other item (include piece of yarn)
  - WW-5-23 Handspun, knitted or crocheted item: wearable scarves, hats, mittens
  - WW-5-24 Handspun, knitted or crocheted item: wearable socks, sweaters, vests, gloves, etc.
  - WW-5-25 Handspun, knitted or crocheted item: household and other items
- PREMIUMS: 1<sup>st</sup>-\$8; 2<sup>nd</sup>-\$5; 3<sup>rd</sup>-\$3
- WW-5-26 Yarn, handspun, 100% wool, plied
  - WW-5-27 Yarn, handspun, 100% wool, single
- PREMIUMS: 1<sup>st</sup>-\$5; 2<sup>nd</sup>-\$3; 3<sup>rd</sup>-\$2

- WW-5-28 Yarn, handspun, animal fibers and blends—plied
- WW-5-29 Yarn, handspun, animal fibers and blends—single
- WW-5-30 Yarn, handspun, cotton, flax, silk, cellulosic, and manmade fibers—single or plied
- WW-5-31 Yarn, novelty, any fiber or blend
- WW-5-32 Yarn, spun on drop spindle or other device (20 yards minimum for this lot only)

**DIVISION 6 & 7: SPECIAL PEOPLE & JUNIOR EXHIBITOR REGULATIONS:**

1. All general rules and Division 1 thru 5 rules apply to these divisions.
2. NO ENTRY FEES FOR THESE DIVISIONS.
3. SPECIAL PEOPLE are defined as individuals with physical or mental handicaps that would make competing in open divisions unfair for them.
4. JUNIOR EXHIBITOR is defined as individuals 18 years and younger.

**SPECIAL PEOPLE**

PREMIUMS: 1<sup>st</sup>-\$5; 2<sup>nd</sup>-\$3; 3<sup>rd</sup>-\$2

- WW-6-33 Any handwoven item
- WW-6-34 Any spun item
- WW-6-35 Any felted or wadmal item

**JUNIOR EXHIBITOR**

PREMIUMS: 1<sup>st</sup>-\$5; 2<sup>nd</sup>-\$3; 3<sup>rd</sup>-\$2

- WW-7-36 Any handwoven item (12 years & under)
- WW-7-37 Any spun item (12 years & under)
- WW-7-38 Any felted or wadmal item (12 years and under)
- WW-7-39 Any handwoven item (13-18 years)
- WW-7-40 Any spun item (13-18 years)
- WW-7-41 Any felted or wadmal item (13-18 years)

**MONTANA WOOL EXPO**

**DIVISIONS:**

- 10 PUREBRED SHEEP WOOL—WHITE ONLY**
- 11 COMMERCIAL FLOCK WOOL**
- 12 NATURAL COLORED AND HAND SPINNING FLEECE AND FIBER**

**REGULATIONS:**

1. Exhibitors may enter two (2) fleeces in any one class, and entries may be made in as many classes

as desired. An individual fleece may be entered in one class only.

2. After judging some fleece may be removed so that the better fleece can be properly displayed.
3. Eligibility of Fleece:
  - a. Each fleece must have been shorn in 2009 or 2010
  - b. Each fleece must represent 12 months growth or less—yearling fleece will be allowed, up to 16 months growth
  - c. Fleeces previously exhibited at Montana State Fair cannot be entered again
4. Judging Criteria:
  - a. Fleeces must be shown in clear plastic bags
  - b. Fleeces should be free of paints or tar brands (soluble branding fluid allowed)
  - c. Fleeces should be clean. Faults will be assessed for excessive dung locks or tags, excess burrs or vegetable matter
  - d. Moisture discoloration will be faulted
  - e. Fleeces should not be cotted
  - f. Fleeces with breaks or weak staple will be faulted

**EXHIBITOR TIP!**

**PREPARATION OF FLEECE:** Spread out the fleece on a clean table or floor, skin side down, taking care not to pull or open fleece as it is handled. Before rolling, remove all heavy tags, stained wool, and obvious foreign matter. Roll the fleece in four steps: (1) Begin at one side and loosely fold 8 to 10 inches of the edge toward the center of the fleece; (2) Do the same on the other side, but fold toward the center two times, until twice the folded portion lies on top of the first fold; (3) Fold in the head wool; (4) Roll from the breach toward the shoulder and long side of wool. Place rolled fleece in clear plastic bag.

**DIVISION 10: PUREBRED SHEEP WOOL—WHITE ONLY**

**ENTRY FEE: \$5.25 per exhibitor**

PREMIUMS: 1<sup>st</sup>-\$8; 2<sup>nd</sup>-\$6; 3<sup>rd</sup>-\$5; 4<sup>th</sup>-\$4

**FINE WOOL**

- WW-10-50 Rambouillet/Merino—Ram fleece
- WW-10-51 Rambouillet/Merino—Ewe fleece

**MEDIUM WOOL**

- WW-10-52 Columbia—Ram fleece
- WW-10-53 Columbia—Ewe fleece
- WW-10-54 Corriedale/Targhee—Ram fleece
- WW-10-55 Corriedale/Targhee —Ewe fleece

## LONG WOOL

WW-10-56 Romney/Leicester/Cotswald/Lincoln—  
Ram fleece

WW-10-57 Romney/Leicester/Cotswald/Lincoln—  
Ewe fleece

## OTHER—LIST BREED

WW-10-58 Any other breed—Ram fleece

WW-10-59 Any other breed—Ewe fleece

## DIVISION 11: COMMERCIAL FLOCK WOOL

### ENTRY FEE: \$5.25 per exhibitor

PREMIUMS: 1<sup>st</sup>-\$8; 2<sup>nd</sup>-\$6; 3<sup>rd</sup>-\$5; 4<sup>th</sup>-\$4

WW-11-61	Ram fleece	Fine	17.0-22.04um
WW-11-62	Ewe fleece	Fine	17.0-22.04um
WW-11-63	Ram fleece	1/2 blood	22.05-24.94um
WW-11-64	Ewe fleece	1/2 blood	22.05-24.94um
WW-11-65	Ram fleece	3/8 blood	24.95-27.84um
WW-11-66	Ewe fleece	3/8 blood	24.95-27.84um
WW-11-67	Ram fleece	1/4 blood	27.85-30.99um
WW-11-68	Ewe fleece	1/4 blood	27.85-30.99um

## DIVISION 12: NATURAL COLORED/HAND SPINNING FLEECE & FIBER

### REGULATIONS:

1. This show is for fleece intended for hand spinning use. Fleece must be skirted and should be very clean.

### ENTRY FEE: \$5.25 per exhibitor

PREMIUMS: 1<sup>st</sup>-\$8; 2<sup>nd</sup>-\$6; 3<sup>rd</sup>-\$5; 4<sup>th</sup>-\$4

WW-12-69	Natural Fine Wool	17.0-22.04um
	Colored	
WW-12-70	White Fine Wool	17.0-22.04um
WW-12-71	Natural Medium Wool	22.05-30.99um
	Colored	
WW-12-72	White Medium Wool	22.05-30.99um
WW-12-73	Natural Coarse Wool	31.00-40.20um
	Colored	
WW-12-74	White Coarse Wool	31.00-40.20um
WW-12-75	Natural Colored	Long Wool
	(Includes: Romney, Border Leicester, Lincoln, Cotswald, Coopworth & Wensleydale)	
WW-12-76	White	Long Wool
	(Includes: Romney, Border Leicester, Lincoln, Cotswald, Coopworth & Wensleydale)	
WW-12-77	Natural Colored	Long Wool
	(Includes: Navajo-Churro, Icelandic & Shetland)	
WW-12-78	White Long Wool	
	(Includes: Navajo-Churro, Icelandic & Shetland)	
WW-12-79	Llama/Alpaca	
WW-12-80	Mohair	
WW-12-81	Any other fiber not previously listed	
	(list fiber)	

CHAMPION PUREBRED RAM FLEECE

CHAMPION PUREBRED EWE FLEECE

Special Rosette

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