

HANDSPUN SKEIN CONTEST

by the New Hampshire Spinners & Dyers Guild

RULES

1. All skeins must be handspun by the exhibitor and completed in the last two years.
2. There is no limit to how many skeins you may enter per Class.
3. There is no entry fee.
4. All skeins must be at least 50 yards long except for Class 7, Novelty Yarn. There is no maximum.
5. **Deadlines:** Skeins may be mailed with their corresponding cards postmarked by June 1st to Patty Williams, Box 240 Enfield Center, NH 03749. If you want to drop it off, please email patty@akerllc.com to make arrangements.
6. The judge may move a skein to a different Class if deemed more appropriate.
7. Skeins must be tied in at least 4 places.
8. Skeins will be mailed back to you by July 1. After judging, skeins will be displayed on Facebook and our Webpage.
9. **Return of skeins:** Entries will be returned via mail. Entries must include a prepaid, addressed, return envelope. Entries will be mailed no later than July 1 with any awards received unless otherwise arranged.

Please attach two 3x5 cards to each entry with the following information:

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY AS IMPROPERLY MARKED ITEMS WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE TO BE JUDGED!

On Card #1, write legibly, and using both sides if necessary, include the following:

- Class number
- *Age of entrant if 18 or under; include email address for electronic communications of Guild membership (see AWARDS below)
- Fiber content, including breed if known
- *Producer of wool if grown in New Hampshire: name farm or shepherd
- Description of preparation techniques used if by exhibitor, e.g. carded, combed, blending board, etc.
- Description of spinning techniques used, e.g. worsted, woolen, from the fold, etc.
- Description of color handling or dye technique, e.g. fractal, natural dyes, etc.
- Declaration of intended use
- *Note if hand-dyed by exhibitor; if so, whether dyed as yarn or unspun fiber.
- *Note if spindle spun

***These designations may qualify your skein for an additional award.**

On Card #2, on one side only, print your name, address, email, & telephone number, of where you would like your skeins returned.

CLASSES

100% sheep's wool

1. 2-ply yarn spun from commercially prepared fiber.
2. 2-ply yarn spun from fiber prepared by exhibitor.
3. 3- or more ply yarn spun from commercially prepared fiber.
4. 3- or more ply yarn spun from fiber prepared by exhibitor.
Blended fiber: at least 50% sheep's wool by weight, blended with another fiber, designed to show the versatility of wool when combined with other fibers.

5. 2-ply yarn.
6. 3- or more ply yarn.

Singles & Novelty yarn:

7. Singles and novelty yarn; must contain at least 50% sheep's wool by weight. Novelty yarn will be judged on the effectiveness of color, texture, multi-plying, and other techniques skillfully used to achieve a textured type yarn.

Youth – age 18 & under

8. Any yarn at least 50% sheep's wool spun by an individual meeting the age requirement.

Exotics

9. Any yarn made from animal fiber other than sheep's wool (e.g. alpaca, angora, camel, cashmere, mohair, silk, etc.) or blended fiber containing less than 50% sheep's wool.
10. Any yarn made from natural plant fiber. (e.g., cotton, flax, hemp) This category does NOT include manufacture fibers. (e.g., cellulosic, rayon, nylon)

New Spinners

10. Novice Class: beginner spinner over 18 years old, spinning less than a year, spindle spun or wheel spun, 2 or more plies, 100% wool either commercially prepared or prepared by exhibitor.