

WEAVING & WOOL

Dept. WW

Handweaving & Spinning Entry Deadline: July 27

Wool Entry Deadline: July 29



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WEAVING & WOOL MISSION STATEMENT: The purpose of this show is to provide an opportunity of exhibition for fiber artists. To bring wool producers and fiber artists together in an effort to inform the public of the many uses of wool and generate interest in the continuation of historic fiber arts.

WEAVING & SPINNING JUDGE: TBA

WOOL JUDGE: TBA

2023 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

(All activities listed will be in the **Exhibition Hall**)

Wednesday, July 5	9am – 4pm	Entry Office open in Mercantile Building to accept early entry forms and early entries. Early entry forms are encouraged. Need not pay at this time.
Thursday, July 26	Mon – Fri	
Wednesday, July 26 in	9 am – 4:30 pm	All entries accepted (Wool, Handweaving & Spinning) in Exhibition Hall
	4:30 pm	Deadline for Handweaving & Spinning entries
	5:30 pm	Judging of Handweaving & Spinning (Open to public)
Thursday, July 27	1 – 6 pm	Wool entries accepted in Exhibition Hall
Friday, July 28	10am – Noon	Wool entries accepted in Exhibition Hall
	Noon	Fair opens to the public
	Noon	Deadline for wool entries
	1 pm	Wool Judging
Saturday, July 29	Noon – 5 pm	Class/demonstration to be determined
	7:30 pm	Antique Sock Knitting Machine Demonstration
Sunday, July 30	Noon	Spinning and Weaving Demonstrations
	4 pm	Antique Sock Knitting Machine Demonstration
	7 pm	Weaving Demonstration
Monday, July 31	Noon – 5pm	Spinning Demonstration
	6 pm	Weaving Demonstration
Tuesday, August 1	Noon – 5pm	Spinning Demonstration
	6 pm	Antique Sock Knitting Machine Demonstration
Wednesday, August 2	Noon – 5pm	Spinning Demonstration
	6 pm	Weaving and Spinning Demonstrations
Thursday, August 3	Noon – 5pm	Spinning Demonstration
	7 pm	Great Falls Weavers & Spinners- Spin In. (Public Welcome)
Friday, August 4	Noon – 5pm	Spinning Demonstration
	7 pm	Antique Sock Knitting Machine Demonstration
Saturday, Aug 5	Noon	Antique Sock Knitting Machine Demonstration
	4pm	Rug Tufting
	6 pm	Weaving Demonstration
Sunday, Aug 6	10 am – 2 pm	Entries released in Weaving & Wool. Please make every effort to pick up your entries during this time frame. Unclaimed entries will be held at the Entry Office Monday thru Thursday of the week following Fair.

Demonstrations: Daily demonstrations featuring wool preparation, spinning, weaving, felting & knitting. Every effort will be made to follow the above schedule but due to unforeseen circumstances, the schedule is subject to change.

PREMIUMS

ATTENTION EXHIBITORS

The Entry office will process judging results as quickly as possible after judging completion. Please allow 3 to 5 days. Notice will be posted in departments when premium checks are processed and ready in the Entry Office. The **Entry Office** will be open from **July 28th through August 5th (8am to 6pm) and August 6th through 10th (9am to 4pm)**. Every effort should be made to collect your Premium Checks between these times. Premium Checks in the amount of \$399.99 or less may be cashed during that time period in the Entry Office.

All remaining Premium Checks will be mailed to you in the name and at the address provided by you on the W-9 on file. The Montana State Fair will mail premium awards only to winners.

NOTE: A W9 must be filled out each year if either of the following apply to you:

- **You have had changes to your name or address**
- **You are a first-time exhibitor at the Montana State Fair**

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. All participants at Montana State Fair events are responsible for reading the Montana State Fair GENERAL INFORMATION Section and complying with policies listed therein. This section is located at goexpopark.com under the Montana State Fair tab.
2. AGREEMENT TO ALL RULES AND REGULATIONS HEREIN STATED IS UNDERSTOOD WHEN THE EXHIBITOR SUBMITS THE ENTRY FORM.
3. All entrants must complete a W9 form at time of entry to receive any premiums.

WEAVING & WOOL SPECIAL AWARDS

WEAVING

“BEST OF FAIR” Weaving Award – \$25.00 & Montana State Fair special rosette
*Sponsored by **Happy Tails Dog Grooming & Boarding***

“BEST OF FAIR” Spinning Award – \$25.00 & Montana State Fair special rosette
*Sponsored by **City Bar & Casino***

DOROTHY THORNBY Award – \$25.00

*Awarded by the **Great Falls Weavers and Spinner Guild** for the “Best Garment”*

BEST WEAVING BY A BEGINNER – \$25.00 gift certificate

*Given by **Brass Parrot Yarn Conspiracy**. To be eligible for this award, project submitted must be one of the first five completed by the weaver.*

BEST HANDSPINNING BY A BEGINNER – 1# Wool Roving or Batts

*Given by **Maude Knudsen**. To be eligible, must be one of the first ten skeins spun by the spinner.*

Great Falls Weavers & Spinners Guild 2023 Challenge – \$25.00

*Awarded by the **Great Falls Weavers and Spinner Guild** for the “Best Handwoven Towel”*

**Entries are NOT limited guild members, anyone can enter.*

Best Handwoven Towel – can be a Tea Towel, Kitchen or Bath Towel

WOOL

CHAMPION PUREBRED RAM FLEECE: Montana State Fair special rosette

CHAMPION PUREBRED EWE FLEECE: Montana State Fair special rosette

CHAMPION COMMERCIAL FLOCK RAM FLEECE: Montana State Fair special rosette

CHAMPION COMMERCIAL FLOCK EWE FLEECE: Montana State Fair special rosette

CHAMPION FLEECE OF SHOW: \$50.00 and Montana State Fair special rosette

*Sponsored by **Noble’s Westside Liquor Store***

RESERVE CHAMPION FLEECE OF SHOW: \$25.00

*Sponsored by **City Bar & Casino***

CHAMPION HANDSPINNING FLEECE OF SHOW: \$25.00

*Sponsored by **Great Falls Weavers and Spinner Guild***

DIVISIONS/CLASSES

HANDWEAVING & SPINNING

DIVISIONS

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

REGULATIONS

1. Competitive exhibition is open to all handweavers, felters, and spinners.
2. All weaving, felting 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.

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

DIVISION 1: HANDWEAVING

ENTRY FEE: \$1.25 per article

PREMIUMS: 1st - \$10; 2nd - \$7; 3rd - \$3

CLASSES:

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|---------|---|
| 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: 1st - \$7; 2nd - \$5; 3rd - \$3

CLASSES:

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

DIVISION 3: FELTED AND WADMAL

ENTRY FEE: \$1.25 per article

PREMIUMS: 1st - \$7; 2nd - \$5; 3rd - \$3

CLASSES:

- WW-3-17 Felted item
- WW-3-18 Wadmal item

DIVISION 4: DYEING

ENTRY FEE: \$1.25 per article

PREMIUMS: 1st - \$7; 2nd - \$5; 3rd - \$3

CLASSES:

- 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: 1st - \$7; 2nd - \$5; 3rd - \$3

CLASSES:

- 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: 1st - \$6; 2nd - \$4; 3rd - \$2

- WW-5-26 Yarn, handspun, 100% wool, plied
- WW-5-27 Yarn, handspun, 100% wool, single

PREMIUMS: 1st - \$5; 2nd - \$3; 3rd - \$1

- 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)

DIVISIONS 6 & 7: SPECIAL EXHIBITOR & JUNIOR EXHIBITOR

REGULATIONS:

1. All general rules and Division 1 through 5 rules apply to these divisions.
2. NO ENTRY FEES FOR THESE DIVISIONS.
3. SPECIAL EXHIBITORS 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.

ENTRY FEE: none

PREMIUMS: 1st - \$5; 2nd - \$3; 3rd - \$1

CLASSES:

DIVISION 6: SPECIAL EXHIBITOR

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

DIVISION 7: JUNIOR EXHIBITOR

- 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 & 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 multiple 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 2020 or 2021
 - 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 bands (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.
5. Sale of Fleece
 - a. Fleece entries may be sold if desired by the exhibitor
 - b. Price per pound is to be set by the exhibitor
 - c. Fleeces sold during the Fair are not to be removed until the end of the Fair.

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: \$1.25 per fleece

PREMIUMS: 1st - \$7; 2nd - \$5; 3rd - \$3

CLASSES:

FINE WOOL

- WW-10-50 Rambouillet/Merino, ram fleece
- WW-10-51 Rambouillet/Merino, ewe fleece

MEDIUM WOOL

- WW-10-52 Colombia, ram fleece
- WW-10-53 Colombia, 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: \$1.25 per fleece

PREMIUMS: 1st - \$7; 2nd - \$5; 3rd - \$3

CLASSES:

- 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, ½ blood, 22.05 – 24.94um
- WW-11-64 Ewe fleece, ½ 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, ¼ blood, 27.84 – 30.99um

WW-11-68 Ewe fleece, ¼ blood, 27.84 – 30.99um

DIVISION 12: NATURAL COLORED AND HAND SPINNING FLEECE AND FIBER

ENTRY FEE: \$1.25 per fleece

PREMIUMS: 1st - \$7; 2nd - \$5; 3rd - \$3

CLASSES:

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, 31.0 – 40.20um, colored

WW-12-74 White, coarse wool, 31.0 – 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)

