

# **Cayuga County Fair 2009**

## **Fiber arts & Skein Competition Rules**

### **General Information**

- 1) All fiber arts items and skeins must be one of a kind that has been crafted by the exhibitor.
- 2) Items/skeins must have been completed between July 2008 – July 2009.
- 3) Each item must be accompanied by a written description that includes fiber preparation, fiber content, techniques, pattern designer, yarn used, etc. The description must be placed on a 3x5 card and must not contain any artist identifying information. The description will be included in points for judging.

### **Judging**

Items will be judged anonymously with points given for creativity, craftsmanship, handle, visual appeal, appropriate use of fiber and technique, effectiveness, final finish, etc.

The judge reserves the right to change category/ class of any item at her discretion.

### **Entry cost and procedures**

Entries must be checked in on Thursday and Friday, July 2 & 3, from 1:30 – 6pm in the Grange Building at the fairgrounds. No entries will be accepted after 6pm. An entry fee of \$5 must be paid at the time of entry check in.

Ribbons will be awarded to the top three places in each class.

Judges comments will presented on Saturday, July 4 at 3pm on the Community Stage.

Items will be displayed with their ribbons in the Grange Building and must be left on display until 12:00 on Sunday. Please pick up items promptly between 12:00 – 2:00. Written authorization will be required for someone other than the exhibitor to pick up an entry.

Please note: every effort will be made to provide a safe and secure environment to judge and display the items entered.

### **Fiber Arts Competition**

Each exhibitor may enter one item per division/ category/group/class.

Divisions:

- I. Beginner (working in fiber arts less than 1 year)
- II. Intermediate (working in fiber arts more than 1 year)
- III. Advanced (working in fiber arts more than 1 year and has sold their fiber arts)

Category:

- A. All handwork (100% handspun yarns with 100% hand construction)
- B. Partial or non –handwork (use of commercially spun yarn, knitting machine construction, less than 100% hand felted)

Group:

- 1. Woven
- 2. Felt
- 3. Knit
- 4. Crochet
- 5. Lace

Class:

- a. Accessories – (gloves, socks, head bands, and other small wearables)
- b. Garments (shawls, hats, sweaters, shawls. Vests)
- c. Hearth and home (art, toys, pictures, wall hangings, home furnishings, rugs, pillows, Afghans, etc.)

**Skein Competition**

Skeins must be at least 50 yards in length, 1 \_ to 2 yards in circumference, neatly wound, “figure8” tied in 4 places and placed in a one-gallon zip-lock- style bag. Points may be deducted for any skein that is not at least 50 yards in length. All skeins must be at least 50% natural fiber (alpaca or sheep).

Divisions:

- I. Beginner
  - A. Junior (age 18 and younger)
  - B. Adult (over 18)
- II. Intermediate spinner (spinning for more than 1 year)
  - A. Junior (age 18 and younger)
  - B. Adult (over 18)
- III. Advanced (spinning for more than 1 year and has sold hand spun work)
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