

# FIBER & SEWING

FLEECES, FIBER, BASKETRY & WOOL | KNITTING & CROCHETING

## FLEECES, FIBER, BASKETRY & WOOL

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THE EL DORADO COUNTY FAIR EXTENDS ITS APPRECIATION TO THE HANGTOWN FIBERS GUILD FOR THE HELP IN SUPERVISION AND COORDINATION OF OUR WOOL DEPARTMENT.

### For Adult, Teen & Youth Fleeces, Fiber, Basketry, Wool & Knitting/Crocheting Entries

Forms Due By:	Wed.	Sept 1	4 pm (12 AM online)
Received:	Wed.	Sept 15	10 am to 6 pm
*Corker Building			
Judged:			
Spun Fiber, Hand-woven/Fleeces:	Fri.	Sept 17	9 am
Basketry:	Sat.	Sept 18	Noon
Knitting & Crocheting:	Sat.	Sept 18	9 am
Released:	Mon.	Sept 27	2 pm to 6 pm

### RULES FOR ALL WOOL DIVISIONS STATE RULES APPLY

1. All entries MUST have been completed within two years of opening day of this fair.
2. Entries entered in previous El Dorado County Fair's are not eligible.
3. **NOVICE** classes are for those exhibitors that have never won a 1<sup>st</sup> Place or Blue Ribbon in the category that they are entering i.e.: Fleeces, Spun Fiber, Knitted Items, etc.
4. Classes may be combined to ensure 3 to a class. Premiums will only be paid if there are at least three in a class.

## FLEECES

### RULES

- A. Only complete fleeces in the grease are eligible for competition; manufacturers and dealers are excluded. Fleeces shall not be more than 12 months growth. The definition of "12 months" shall be the definition commonly accepted by the wool trade. Thus, if a fleece is actually slightly more than 12 months growth, due to unavoidable delay in obtaining shearers, or by weather, it shall be termed "12 months" wool.

ENTRY FEE: \$3 PER ENTRY PER CLASS

#### DIVISION 80 – PUREBRED FLEECES/SHEEP

#### DIVISION 81 – NOVICE PUREBRED FLEECES/SHEEP CLASS

1. Purebred White Fine Wool (Cormo, Merino, Rambouillet)
2. Purebred White Medium or Down Wool (BFL, Columbia, Corriedale, Cheviot, CVM, Dorset, Finn, Jacob, Montadale, Oxford, Polworth, Polypay, Romeldale, Shetland, Southdown, Targhee)
3. Purebred White Coarse/Long Wool (Border Leicester, Coopworth, Cotswold, Lincoln, Perendale, Romney, Wensleydale)

- B. Wether fleeces must be included in Wether classes ONLY.
- C. All fleeces entered must have been sheared from sheep owned by the exhibitor.
- D. Wool and Mohair fleeces must be presented in the best possible condition: skirted, properly rolled cut (flesh) side out, and placed in a large, clear, plastic bag. A 3 x 5 card must be inserted in the bag with the fleece listing the following information: 1) Owners name & address, 2) Breed and sex of animal, 3) Breed registration number if in a purebred class.

#### **New 2021**

**This card must be inserted in an envelope to conceal the information while judging.**

**A lock of rinsed fleece, not washed with soap, must be attached to the envelope. Entries not following this procedure, may be disqualified.**

Non greasy hair fleeces and fiber must also be presented in the best possible condition skirted, and rolled in paper of an appropriate size.

- E. Purebred fleece should be placed in a class most appropriately fits that Breed's Standard description of wool grade. Market or cross bred fleece should be placed in a class which most appropriately describes its individual wool grade.
- F. If the above rules and requirements are not met, the entry may be refused at receiving.
- G. The judge has the authority to reclassify or disqualify fleeces before making awards.

#### 1 BEST OF SHOW RIBBON AWARDED IN FLEECE PEOPLE'S CHOICE "FAVORITE WOOL"

Sponsored by Hangtown Fibers Guild

1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
\$5	\$4	\$3

**NOTE: Cash award checks WILL NOT be mailed, checks not picked up with entries must be picked up at the fair office during regular fair office hours.**

#### DIVISION 82 – MARKET FLEECES/SHEEP

#### DIVISION 83 – NOVICE MARKET FLEECES/SHEEP CLASS

1. Crossbred White Fine Wool
2. Crossbred White Medium or Down Wool
3. Crossbred White Coarse/Long Wool

#### DIVISION 84 – NATURE'S COLOR FLEECES/SHEEP

#### DIVISION 85 – NOVICE NATURE'S COLOR FLEECES/SHEEP CLASS

1. Natural Colored (not white) Fine
2. Natural Colored (not white) Medium or Down Wool
3. Natural Colored (not white) Coarse/Long Wool
4. Any color double-coated Wool (Icelandic, Karakul, Navajo Churro, some Shetland)

**DIVISION 86 – WETHER FLEECES/SHEEP**

**DIVISION 87 – NOVICE WETHER FLEECES/SHEEP CLASS**

1. White Wool
2. Natural Colored (not white) Wool

**DIVISION 88 – ALL OTHER ANIMAL FLEECE**

**DIVISION 89 – NOVICE ALL OTHER ANIMAL FLEECE CLASS**

1. Alpaca Huacaya, white
2. Alpaca Suri, white
3. Mohair, white
4. Llama, white
5. Cashmere, white
6. Any Other, please specify, white

**DIVISION 90 – ALL OTHER NATURE’S COLOR ANIMAL FLEECE**

**DIVISION 91 – NOVICE ALL OTHER NATURE’S COLOR ANIMAL FLEECE CLASS**

1. Alpaca Huacaya, natural colored
2. Alpaca Suri, natural colored
3. Mohair, natural colored
4. Llama, natural , natural colored colored
5. Cashmere, natural colored
6. Any other, please specify, natural colored

# SPUN FIBER

## 1 BEST OF SHOW RIBBON AWARDED IN SPUN FIBER

**Cash Awards Offered per Class**

1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
\$5	\$ 4	\$ 3

ENTRY FEE: \$3 PER ENTRY PER CLASS

**RULES**

- A. Skeins must be a minimum of 20 yards, must be tied in 4 places and must be accompanied by a sample of un-spun fleece, fiber, or roving.
- B. A 3" x 5" card must accompany the skein and sample. The card must state: 1) fleece type, breed or fibers used; 2) number of ply; 3) what fiber preparation was used i.e. self-prepared, carded, combed or commercial. If it is a blend, briefly describe how it was accomplished. OPTIONAL: If desired, exhibitor may attach 4"x 4" project sample that may be knitted, woven, crocheted or other to be available for display and for touching by the public after judging.

**DIVISION 92 – HAND SPUN YARN**

**DIVISION 93 – NOVICE HAND SPUN YARN CLASS**

1. White Yarn (100% Sheep Wool) – state breed
2. Natural Colored Yarn (100% Sheep Wool) – state breed
3. Dyed Yarn (100% Sheep Wool)- state dye type or method.
4. Mohair (100% Angora Goat Wool)
5. Angora Rabbit (100%)
6. Silk (100%)
7. Plant Fiber (cotton, ramie, hemp, flax, rayon, bamboo, etc.)
8. Luxury Fiber (llama, alpaca, camel, quiviut, etc. must at least be 75% featured fiber.
9. Designer Novelty Yarn (Natural, colored, white or dyed)
10. Designer Yarn with 1 ply commercial yarn for added interest.
11. Any other, mixed fiber blends not listed above. Specify.

# HAND SPUN HANDMADE

## 1 BEST OF SHOW RIBBON AWARDED IN HAND SPUN-HANDMADE

### RULES

- A. A small skein of yarn (minimum of 10 yards) and a sample of un-spun fleece, fiber or roving used in the item must be attached to a 3"x5" card. OPTIONAL: Exhibitor may attach 4"x 4" project sample to be available for display and for touching by the public after judging. Linings and decorative elements of commercially made materials will be allowed – Note on card.
- B. All small items, such as doilies, baby socks, etc may be securely mounted on cardboard or foam board.
- C. Yarn must be hand spun by exhibitor and finished item made by same sole exhibitor except for class 9 (group).
- D. All Items must be clean and blocked.

**CASH AWARD SPONSORED BY  
HANGTOWN FIBERS GUILD  
\$20 Division 94 Best of Show  
\$20 Division 95 Best of Show**

### **DIVISION 94 – 100% HANDSPUN & HANDMADE ITEMS DIVISION 95 – NOVICE 100% HANDSPUN & HANDMADE ITEMS CLASS**

1. 100% Handspun – Knitted – Afghan or blanket.
2. 100% Handspun – Knitted – Coat, sweater, vest, poncho or cocoon.
3. 100% Handspun – Knitted – Shawl, minimum 600 sq. inches
4. 100% Handspun – Knitted – Scarf, maximum 599 sq. inches
5. 100% Handspun – Knitted – Accessory: socks, hat, gloves
6. 100% Handspun – Crocheted – Afghan or blanket
7. 100% Handspun – Crocheted – Coat, sweater, vest, poncho or cocoon.
8. 100% Handspun – Crocheted – Shawl, minimum 600 sq. inches
9. 100% Handspun – Crocheted – Scarf, maximum 599 sq. inches
10. 100% Handspun – Crocheted Accessory: socks, hat, gloves
11. 100% Handspun - Hand-woven garment.
12. 100% Handspun - Hand-woven Rug.
13. 100% Handspun – Hand Woven any other item, household or other, specify.
14. 100% Handspun – Felt item, wet technique, specify.
15. 100% Handspun – Felt item, needle technique, specify.
16. 100% Handspun – Any item by two or more people – any technique, specify.
17. 100% Handspun- Other item, not listed above.

# BASKETRY

## 1 BEST OF SHOW RIBBON AWARDED IN BASKETRY

### Cash Awards Offered per Class

1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
\$5	\$ 4	\$ 3

ENTRY FEE: \$3 PER ENTRY PER CLASS

### RULES

- A. All entries must be the work of the exhibitor and completed within two years of opening day of Fair.
- B. Entries entered in previous El Dorado County Fair are not eligible.
- C. All entries must be accompanied by a 3 x 5 index card with the following info:  
Fiber content, If it was dyed, who dyed it and what type of dye used, did you hand gather material, what is the end use of the item and briefly tell the judge (25 words or less) anything pertinent to its creation.

### **DIVISION 96 – BASKETRY CLASS**

1. Woven or plaited
2. Twined
3. Coiled, pine needle
4. Coiled, with any other materials
5. Miniature (maximum of 3 x 3 x 3)
6. Rib Style
7. Any other, not listed above.

# TEEN WOOL

Refer To Adult Department Rules.  
**NO CASH AWARDS – RIBBONS ONLY**  
**BEST OF SHOW RIBBON**

**FREE TO ENTER**

## **DIVISION 97 – AGES 14 through 18 years**

### **CLASS**

1. Crocheted afghan
2. Crocheted garment
3. Crocheted other, specify
4. Knitted Afghan
5. Knitted Garment
6. Knitted other, specify
7. Spun Yarn, identify fiber
8. Fleeces, identify animal
9. Weaving, specify

# YOUTH WOOL

Refer To Adult Department Rules. Entries must use the  
Division Number appropriate to age group.  
Class Numbers are the same for all age groups.

**BEST OF SHOW RIBBON**  
**NO CASH AWARDS – RIBBONS ONLY**  
**FREE TO ENTER**

## **DIVISION 98 – 5 years and under**

## **DIVISION 99 – 6 through 10 years**

## **DIVISION 100 – 11 through 13 years**

### **CLASS**

1. Crocheted article, specify
2. Knitted article, specify
3. Handspun Yarn
4. Fleeces, specify type
5. Finger Knitting
6. Any other item, specify
7. Weaving, specify

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### **BEST OF SHOW RIBBON CROCHETED BEST OF SHOW KNITTED**

**Either Best Knitted or Crocheted Item:**

**\$25 Gift Certificate**

**Sponsored by Lofty Lou's ([www.knit.us](http://www.knit.us))**

#### **Cash Awards Offered per Class**

1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
\$ 5	\$ 3	\$ 2

**ENTRY FEE: \$3 PER ENTRY PER CLASS**

**\$5 entry fee Sept 1-3**

### **CLOTHING & SEWING SWEEPSTAKES AWARD**

1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
\$10	\$7	\$3

#### **RULES**

#### **STATE RULES APPLY**

- All small pieces, such as doilies, may be securely mounted on cardboard or foam board. **OPTIONAL:** Exhibitor may attach 4" x 4" project sample to be available for display and for touching by the public after judging.
- "Kit" items much be identified as such. Project purchased as a kit with yarn and pattern selected.
- Exhibits must be clean and blocked. Stained or soiled items may be rejected at receiving.
- All items must be clean and "finished" in a manner appropriate for that item. For example: washing, pressing with or without steam and/or blocking.
- Classes may be combined to ensure 3 to a class. Premiums will only be paid if there are at least three in a class.

### **DIVISION 104 – CROCHETED ITEMS**

### **DIVISION 105 – NOVICE CROCHETED ITEMS**

#### **CLASS**

- Tablecloth, any
- Afghan, squares or other shapes, pieced or sewn together
- Afghan, multiple color designs, one piece construction
- Afghan, single color (variegated if it's the only color) one piece construction
- Afghan, other, specify
- Afghan, Baby, squares or shapes, pieced or sewn together construction

- Afghan, Baby, any size, one piece construction
- Adult Garment, any, specify
- Child Garment, any, specify
- Infant or Toddler Garment, any, specify
- Shawl
- Accessory (hat, scarf, purse, etc.)
- Doily
- Toy or pillow
- Infant or toddler bib
- Exhibitor's original design, specify
- Any Holiday theme, wearable, specify
- Any Holiday theme, non-wearable, specify
- Fair theme, any item, specify
- Any other, not listed above, specify

### **DIVISION 106 – KNITTED ITEMS**

### **DIVISION 107 – NOVICE KNITTED ITEMS**

#### **CLASS**

- Afghan, stranded, Intarsia, modular, mosaic, other, specify
- Afghan, solid color, any technique, specify
- Afghan, other, specify
- Afghan, baby, any size
- Infant Item, specify
- Toddler or child garment, specify
- Adult coat, sweater or vest, solid color, any technique, specify
- Adult coat, sweater or vest, with color work as in Class 1 above.
- Shawl
- Accessory, hat, scarf, purse, mittens, fingerless mittens, etc., specify
- Exhibitor's original design, knitted item, specify
- Any Holiday theme, wearable, specify
- Any Holiday theme, non-wearable, specify
- Fair theme, any item, specify
- Machine Knitted wearables
- Machine Knitted Afghan
- Machine Knitted, Other, specify
- Any other, not listed above, specify

### **DIVISION 108 – MACRAME**

#### **CLASS**

- Wall Hanging up to 12 x 24
- Wall Hanging larger than 12 x 24
- Wearable
- Other, specify

### **BEST OF SHOW RIBBON – HANDWOVEN**

### **DIVISION 109 – HAND WOVEN W/ COMMERCIAL YARNS**

### **DIVISION 110 – NOVICE HAND WOVEN W/ COMMERCIAL**

#### **YARNS**

#### **CLASS**

- Small household items, placemat, napkin, dishtowel, etc.
- Blanket, larger than a baby item.
- Rug, tapestry technique, larger than 576 square inches.
- Rug, not tapestry technique with yarn weft, larger than 576 square inches.
- Rug with alternative weft, not yarn, larger than 576 square inches.
- Wall hanging, with sleeve or hanger attached, smaller than 576 square inches.

7. Shawls and scarves.
8. Finished Garments made from Hand-woven fabric.
9. Household or utilitarian, specify
10. Any Holiday theme, wearable, specify
11. Any Holiday theme, non-wearable, specify
12. Fair Theme, any item, specify
13. All other items, not listed above, specify