



## FIBER ARTS

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# FLEECES, FIBER, BASKETRY & WOOL | KNITTING & CROCHETING

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

<b>Entry forms due by</b>	Wednesday, May 22,	4:00 pm (or midnight online)	<i>At the fair office</i>
<b>Received</b>	Wednesday, June 5,	10:00 am – 6:00 pm	<i>*Corker Building</i>
<b>Judged</b>			
<i>Spun Fiber, Hand-woven/Fleeces</i>	Friday, June 7,	9:00 am	
<i>Basketry</i>	Friday, June 7,	Noon	
<i>Knitting &amp; Crocheting</i>	Friday, June 7,	9:00 am	
<b>Released</b>	Monday, June 17,	2:00 – 6:00 pm	<i>*Corker Building</i>
<b>ITEMS NOT PICKED UP BY JUNE 17 MAY BE DISCARDED. CHECKS NOT PICKED UP MUST BE PICKED UP IN FAIR OFFICE UNTIL OCTOBER 1ST.</b>			

## ADULT DIVISION

### RULES FOR ALL WOOL DIVISIONS

#### STATE RULES APPLY

1. All entries **MUST** have been completed within two years of the opening day of this fair.
2. Entries entered in previous El Dorado County Fairs 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 DIVISIONS

### RULES (STATE RULES APPLY)

- 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 slightly more than 12 months growth, due to unavoidable delay in obtaining shearers, or by weather, it shall be termed "12 months" wool.
- B. Whether fleeces must be included in Whether classes **ONLY**.
- C. **All fleeces entered must have been sheared from sheep owned by the exhibitor and properly skirted.**
- 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 the animal, 3) Breed registration number if in a purebred class. **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.** Nongreasy hair fleeces and fiber must also be presented in the best possible condition, skirted, and rolled in the paper of an appropriate size.
- E. Purebred fleece should be placed in a class that most appropriately fits that Breed's Standard description of wool grade. Market or cross-bred fleece should be placed in a class that 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.

**ONE BEST OF SHOW RIBBON AWARDED IN FLEECE  
PEOPLE'S CHOICE "FAVORITE WOOL"**

**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.

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

**Limit 3 Entries per Division.**

**Cash Awards**

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

**Classes may be combined to ensure 3 to a 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)

**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

**DIVISION 86 – WETHER FLEECES/SHEEP**

**DIVISION 87 – NOVICE WHETHER 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. Mohair, white
3. Cashmere, white
4. Any Other, (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. Mohair, natural colored
3. Cashmere, natural colored
4. Any other, (specify), natural colored

## SPUN FIBER DIVISION

**RULES (STATE RULES APPLY)**

- 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. **This card must be inserted in an envelope to conceal the information while judging.** The card must state: 1) fleece type, breed, or fibers used; 2) a 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, the exhibitor may attach a 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 – HANDSPUN YARN**

**DIVISION 93 – NOVICE HANDSPUN 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. Any other, mixed fiber blends not listed above, (specify)

## HAND SPUN HANDMADE DIVISIONS

**ONE BEST OF SHOW RIBBON AWARDED IN HAND SPUN-HANDMADE**

**RULES (STATE RULES APPLY)**

- 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.

**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 – Shawl, minimum 600 sq. inches
7. 100% Handspun – Any item by two or more people – any technique, (specify)
8. 100% Handspun other item, not listed above, (specify)

**BASKETRY DIVISION****ENTRY FEE: \$3 PER ENTRY PER CLASS****1 BEST OF SHOW RIBBON AWARDED IN BASKETRY**

(Must be at least 3 entries in a division to award Best of Show.)

**Cash Awards Offered per Class**

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

**Classes may be combined to ensure 3 to a class.**

**Premiums will only be paid if there are at least three in a class.**

**RULES (STATE RULES APPLY)**

- A. All entries must be the work of the exhibitor and completed within two years of the opening day of the Fair.
- B. Entries entered the 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 was 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 DIVISION****FREE TO ENTER**

**Refer To Adult Department Rules.**

**Danish System of Judging.**

**NO CASH AWARDS – RIBBONS ONLY**

**BEST OF SHOW RIBBON**

(Must be at least 3 entries in a division to award Best of Show.)

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

1. Crocheted other, (specify)
2. Knitted other, (specify)
3. Spun Yarn, identify fiber
4. Fleeces, identify animal
5. Weaving, (specify)

**YOUTH WOOL DIVISION****FREE TO ENTER**

**Refer To Adult Department Rules.**

**Entries must use the Division Number appropriate to the age group.**

Class Numbers are the same for all age groups.

**Danish System of Judging.**

**BEST OF SHOW RIBBON**

(Must be at least 3 entries in a division to award Best of Show.)

**NO CASH AWARDS – RIBBONS ONLY**

**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. Finger Knitting
4. Any other item, (specify)
5. Weaving, (specify)

## KNITTING & CROCHETING DIVISIONS

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

**BEST OF SHOW RIBBON CROCHETED**

**BEST OF SHOW**

**Either Best Knitted or Crocheted Item Division 104 - 107:**

**\$50 Gift Certificate**

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

**Pickup at the Fair Office.**

**Cash Awards Offered per Class**

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

**CLOTHING & SEWING SWEEPSTAKES AWARD**

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

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### **RULES (STATE RULES APPLY)**

- A. 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.
- B. "Kit" items must be identified as such. The project was purchased as a kit with yarn and pattern selected.
- C. Exhibits must be clean and blocked. Stained or soiled items may be rejected at receiving.
- D. 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.
- E. 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 #**

- 1. Tablecloth, any
- 2. Afghan, squares or other shapes, pieced or sewn together
- 3. Afghan, multiple color designs, one piece construction
- 4. Afghan, single color (variegated if it's the only color) one piece construction
- 5. Afghan, other, (specify)
- 6. Afghan, Baby, any size, one piece construction
- 7. Adult Garment, any, (specify)
- 8. Child Garment, any, (specify)
- 9. Infant or Toddler Garment, any, (specify)
- 10. Shawl
- 11. Accessory (hat, scarf, purse, etc.)
- 12. Doily
- 13. Toy or pillow
- 14. Exhibitor's original design, (specify)
- 15. Any Holiday theme, wearable, (specify)
- 16. Any Holiday theme, non-wearable, (specify)
- 17. Any other, not listed above, (specify)

### **DIVISION 106 – KNITTED ITEMS**

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

##### **CLASS #**

- 1. Afghan, stranded, Intarsia, modular, mosaic, other, (specify)
- 2. Afghan, solid color, any technique, (specify)
- 3. Afghan, other, (specify)
- 4. Afghan, baby, any size
- 5. Infant Item, (specify)
- 6. Toddler or child garment, (specify)
- 7. Adult coat, sweater or vest, solid color, any technique, (specify)
- 8. Adult coat, sweater or vest, with color work as in Class 1 above.

- 9. Shawl

- 10. Accessory, hat, scarf, purse, mittens, fingerless mittens, etc., (specify)

- 11. Exhibitor's original design, knitted item, (specify)

- 12. Any Holiday theme, wearable, (specify)

- 13. Any Holiday theme, non-wearable, (specify)

- 14. Fair theme, any item, (specify)

- 15. Machine Knitted, Other, (specify)

- 16. Any other, not listed above, (specify)

### **DIVISION 108 – MACRAME**

#### **CLASS #**

- 1. Wall Hanging up to 12 x 24
- 2. Wall Hanging larger than 12 x 24
- 3. Wearable
- 4. Plant Hanger
- 5. Other, (specify)

### **DIVISION 109 – HANDWOVEN WITH COMMERCIAL YARNS**

#### **DIVISION 110 – NOVICE HAND WOVEN WITH COMMERCIAL YARNS**

##### **CLASS #**

- 1. Small household items, placemat, napkin, dishtowel, etc.
- 2. Blanket, larger than a baby item.
- 3. Rug, tapestry technique, larger than 576 square inches.
- 4. Rug, not tapestry technique with yarn weft, larger than 576 square inches.
- 5. Rug with alternative weft, not yarn, larger than 576 square inches.
- 6. 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, (specify)
- 11. Fair Theme, any item, (specify)
- 12. All other items, not listed above, (specify)