Handweaving - Rules and Regulations

1. Please read the General Rules for the Home Arts Department, which apply to all Sections.
2. Name tags or sewn-in labels identifying the weaver must be covered.
3. All exhibits, except those in classes F28 and F29 must be constructed by the weaver.
4. Entries must be woven on a loom (any type), tablet woven or finger-woven. Purchased mesh cannot be used. Items may not be entered in “Handweaving” that are already covered by classes in other sections. Articles woven on dobby looms must be labeled as such, but may be entered in any appropriate category.
5. Items constructed by braiding, knotting or twisting may be entered, but only in those categories listed under “Related Techniques” and “Special Entries”
6. Beadwork by adults must be woven on a loom.
7. Basis for judging: Hand-weaving will be judged on the complexity, skill level, accuracy and overall workmanship of the chosen technique, as well as the design and aesthetic appeal of the finished product.
8. All woven items’ fibers must be identified on tag.

Adult Categories

AWARDS, F1 – F41
1st Place - $10.00  2nd Place - $8.00  3rd Place - $6.00  4th Place - $4.00

Afghans, Blankets, Coverlets
F1 Afghan, small blanket or lap robe, no larger than 36”x38”
F2 Coverlet, bedspread or large blanket
F3 Baby blanket, crib/carriage cover, no larger than 45”x60”

Lengths of Fabric
F4 Suiting, upholstery or drapery, 2 yards or more, specify use

Finished Garments
F5 Tops, vests, shirts, etc.
F6 Woman’s skirt or dress
F7 Woman’s suit or 2 piece dress, all hand-woven
F8 Child’s clothing
F9 Articles woven on frame loom (this category only)
F10 Jacket or blazer

Table Linens, Any Fiber
F11 Any table linen set of 18 e.p.i. or more
F12 Place mats, set of 4
F13 Runner, single mat, over 15” long
F14 Single hand or dishtowel, or breadcloth
F15 Set of towels or breadcloths

Rugs
F16 Rug, pile weave
F17 Rug, wool, traditional Navajo technique
F18 Rug, flat woven other than Navajo, not twined, any fiber
F19 Rug, twined

Miscellaneous Hand Woven Articles
F20 Tapestry, any item
F21 Painted warp, ikat or hand dyed, dyed by weaver
F22 Bag or tote
F23 Scarf - chenille, any fiber
F24 Scarf - other than chenille
F25 Stole or shawl
F26 Decorative weaving with set of 10 e.p.i. or more
F27 Decorative weaving with set of 9 e.p.i. fewer
F28 Article woven by entrant and constructed by another
F29 Entry produced by a group
F30 Toys, puppets, games, miniatures, jewelry or fantasy weaving
F31 Pillows
F32 Functional weaving not listed above, i.e., tea cozies, chair seats etc.
F33 Any weaving not listed above
F34 Religious articles

Related Techniques
F35 Beadwork, any item woven on bead or regular loom
F36 Braid work, any item
F37 Mixed techniques, any item
F38 Macramé - any item

Special Entries
F39 Handweaving by adult novice with a year or less of weaving experience
F40 Handweaving by adult first-time Maryland State Fair entrant
F41 Unified team entry – any age (any combination of two or more people with and without disabilities)
F42 Special Award - FAIR USE ONLY – DO NOT ENTER - $20.00

Children & Youth Categories

AWARDS F43 – F48
1st Place - $7.00  2nd Place - $6.00  3rd Place - $5.00  4th Place - $4.00

F43 Child’s first Maryland State Fair entry
F44 Handweaving by child with a year or less of weaving experience
F45 Handweaving by children under 12, any size article, indicate age and details
F46 Handweaving by children ages 12-17, indicate age and details
F47 Jewelry by children under 12, no beadwork, woven only
F48 Jewelry by children 12-17, no beadwork, woven only
F49 Special Award – FAIR USE ONLY – DO NOT ENTER - $15.00

Special Contest
Decorative Fall/Harvest
Wall Hanging

No larger than 14” x 14”
Any Technique

Choose any above technique to express yourself!

1st Place  $23.00  2nd Place  $18.00  3rd Place  $11.00

PRE-ENTRY DEADLINE IS JULY 31
Exhibits must be delivered, August 22nd, 2016 from 2PM to 8PM, or on August 23rd, 2016 from 9AM to 7PM.
HANDSPINNING - RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Please read the General Rules for the Home Arts Department, which apply, to all Sections.
2. Handspinning is to be completed on a foot or hand controlled bobbin and flyer or spindle/quill spinning wheel or a drop spindle.
3. Skeins of silk or cashmere should be approximately 2oz., all others should be no less than 2ozs and not over 4ozs. Skeins will be weighed at time of entry.
4. Skeins must have a circumference of 1 ½ - 2 yards and be neatly wound and tied loosely in at least 3 places using the same or similar yarn.
5. All yarn should be washed, blocked, thoroughly dried and re-skinned before being entered.
6. Sheep breed or fiber and intended use must be identified on each skein and article. Skeins not identified will be disqualified.
7. Class F73 is the only class that permits commercially spun yarn, filaments or objects, or yarn spun by someone other than entrant, incorporated into skein.
8. Except for Class F80, articles made from Handspun yarns must be constructed by the entrant with yarn spun by the entrant.
9. Machine knit articles from handspun may be entered only in Class F88.
10. Articles in Hand felting classes must be felted as primary means of construction, not knitted, woven or crocheted. Needle felting must be labeled as such.
12. BASIS FOR JUDGING: Hand-spinning will be judged on control and consistency of the chosen technique, aesthetic and tactile appeal of the yarn, skin presentation condition, degree of time, skill and creativity represented and their value in relation to use.

HANDSPUN SKEINS

AWARDS F51 – F79
1st Place $6.00
2nd Place $5.00
3rd Place $4.00
4th Place $3.00

WOOL FIBERS - PREPARED BY SPINNER
F51 Fine – 35 or more WPI, plied or single
F52 Medium – 12-30 WPI, plied or single
F53 Bulky – 9 or less WPI, plied or single

WOOL FIBERS - PREPARED COMMERCIALLY
F54 Fine, 35 WPI, even singles, blends ok,
F55 Fine, 35 WPI, even plied, blends ok,
F56 Medium, 12-30 WPI, even singles or plied, blends ok
F57 Thick, 12 or less WPI, even singles or plied, blends ok

VEGETABLE FIBERS
F58 Flax, singles or plied, no dressing except water
F59 Cotton, singles or plied

ANIMAL FIBERS OTHER THAN WOOL (no blends)
F60 Cashmere, singles or plied
F61 Angora rabbit, singles or plied
F62 Alpaca, singles or plied
F63 Camel or llama, singles or plied
F64 Mohair (Angora goat), singles or plied
F65 Silk, singles or plied
F66 Dog hair, singles or plied, indicate breed

MISCELLANEOUS
F67 Any fiber not mentioned above, no blends, plied or singles
F68 Plies of differing fibers, NO BLENDS
F69 Any commercially blended fibers, singles or plied
F70 Combination of any fibers blended by spinner, singles
F71 Combination of any fibers, blended by spinner, plied
F72 Novelty component other than differing fibers
F73 Yarn design, skein resulting from spinning or plying together of any handspun or commercial yarns, fibers, threads or filaments
F74 Dyed by spinner with chemical dyes
F75 Dyed by spinner with natural materials, specify dye and mordant
F76 Novice with year or less spinning experience
F77 First time Maryland State Fair entrant, adult
F78 Spun by child 12 or under, any size skein
F79 Youth 13-18, Skein 2+ oz.

HANDSPUN BUNDLED SKEINS AND ARTICLES

AWARDS F80 – F98
1st Place $10.00
2nd Place $9.00
3rd Place $8.00
4th Place $7.00

CLASS F83-F100 – PLEASE PROVIDE 1 YARD, NO LESS, SAMPLE OF HANDSPUN YARN

F80 Handspun skeins of identical consistency, one pound or more, to use in any item or project, presented in a basket
F81 Handspun item made by spinner/knitter or spinner/weaver team of 2 or more persons
F82 Handspun, hand-woven item
F83 Handspun, hand-knit or crocheted adult
F84 Handspun, knit or crocheted adult sweater vest
F85 Handspun, knit item other than sweater
F86 Handspun, crocheted item other than sweater
F87 Handspun item, mixed techniques
F88 Machine knit handspun item
F89 Handspun article by child or youth under 18
F90 Handspun article by novice with a year or less of spinning experience
F91 Handspun article by first time Maryland State Fair entrant
F92 Handspun socks
F93 Handspun child’s garment
F94 Handspun purse or tote
F95 Handspun article not otherwise listed
F96 Hand felted embellishment on any article
F97 Hand felted article, any fiber
F98 Hand felted by children or youth

SPECIAL AWARDS – FAIR USE ONLY – DO NOT ENTER
F99 Special $20.00 – Best Handspun Article
F100 Special $15.00 – Best Handspun Skein
F101 Special $15.00 – Best Child’s Entry
F102 Excellence in Weaving Fine Linens $15.00
F103 Excellence in Finishing $15.00
F104 Excellence in best overall weaving $15.00
F105 Most Innovative Use of Color $15.00

F106 SPECIAL CONTEST

HAND FELTED HOLIDAY ITEM

PRIZES
1st Place $23.00
2nd Place $18.00
3rd Place $14.00

HAND FELTING – RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Articles entered in Hand Felting classes must be felted, not knitted, woven or crocheted. Needle felting must be labeled as such.
2. Special $15.00 – Any fiber not mentioned above, no blends, plied or singles
3. Special $15.00 – Plies of differing fibers, NO BLENDS
4. Special $15.00 – Any commercially blended fibers, singles or plied
5. Special $15.00 – Combination of any fibers blended by spinner, singles
6. Special $15.00 – Combination of any fibers, blended by spinner, plied
7. Special $15.00 – Novelty component other than differing fibers
8. Special $15.00 – Yarn design, skein resulting from spinning or plying together of any handspun or commercial yarns, fibers, threads or filaments
9. Special $15.00 – Dyed by spinner with chemical dyes
10. Special $15.00 – Dyed by spinner with natural materials, specify dye and mordant
11. Special $15.00 – Novice with year or less spinning experience
12. Special $15.00 – First time Maryland State Fair entrant, adult
13. Special $15.00 – Spun by child 12 or under, any size skein
14. Special $15.00 – Youth 13-18, Skein 2+ oz.