

WEAVING & WOOL

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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

2018 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

(All activities listed will be in the Harvest Building)

Thursday, July 5 –	9am – 4pm	Entry Office open in Mercantile Building to accept early entry forms and
Tuesday, July 24	Mon – Fri	early entries. Early entry forms are encouraged. Need not pay at this time.
Wednesday, July 25	9 am – 4:30 pm	All entries accepted (Wool, Handweaving & Spinning)
	4:30 pm	Deadline for Handweaving & Spinning entries
	5:30 pm	Judging of Handweaving & Spinning (Open to public)
Thursday, July 26	1 – 6 pm	Wool entries accepted
Friday, July 27	10am – 12pm	Wool entries accepted
	12 pm	Deadline for wool entries
	1 pm	Wool Judging
Saturday, July 28	12 am – 5 pm	Class demonstration to be determined
	7:30 pm	Antique Sock Knitting Machine Demonstration
Sunday, July 29	12 am – 2pm	Spinning and Weaving Demonstrations
	4 pm	Antique Sock Knitting Machine Demonstration
	7 pm	Weaving Demonstration
Monday, July 30	12 pm – 5pm	Spinning Demonstration
	6 pm	Weaving Demonstration
Tuesday, July 31	12 pm – 5pm	Spinning Demonstration
	6 pm	Antique Sock Knitting Machine Demonstration
	7 pm	Spinning Demonstration
Wednesday, Aug 1	12 pm – 5pm	Spinning Demonstration
	6 pm	Weaving & Spinning Demonstration
Thursday, Aug 2	12 pm – 5pm	Spinning Demonstration
	7 pm	Great Falls Weavers & Spinners - Spin In. (Public Welcome)
		“Throw Down”
Friday, Aug 3	12 pm – 5pm	Spinning Demonstration
	7 pm	Yarn Spinning Races
Saturday, Aug 4	12 pm	Antique Sock Knitting Machine Demonstration
	2 pm	Weaving & Spinning Demonstrations
	6 pm	Antique Sock Knitting Machine Demonstrations
Sunday, Aug 5	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 completion of judging. 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 27th through August 4^h (8am to 6pm) and August 5th through 9th (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 these times 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 entry form. **A new W9 must be filled out if you have any changes to your name or address or if 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.
4. **All exhibitors shall purchase admittance tickets.** Adult and Youth exhibitors may purchase an Exhibitor's Packet for \$20 good for 10 admissions for Fair week. With purchase of first Exhibitor's Packet, additional free passes are issued for every \$50.00 of entry fees. Exhibitors may purchase individual tickets for \$4.00 each.

WEAVING & WOOL SPECIAL AWARDS

WEAVING

"BEST OF FAIR" WEAVING AWARD – \$25 & Montana State Fair special rosette
*Sponsored by **Happy Tails Dog Grooming & Boarding***

"BEST OF FAIR" SPINNING AWARD – \$25 & Montana State Fair special rosette
*Sponsored by **City Bar & Casino***

DOROTHY THORNBY AWARD – \$25
*Awarded by the **Great Falls Weavers and Spinners Guild** for the "Best Garment"*

BEST WEAVING BY A BEGINNER – \$25 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.*

"Magnificent Seven" – a \$200.00 cash award
*Sponsored by **Pik ka Handbags – Randy Glick***

To be eligible for this award, the participant must enter seven (7) items:

- Two (2) – Handwoven item (Division 1 – must enter 2 classes)
- One (1) – Basket (Division 2)
- One (1) – Felted or Wadmal item (Division 3)
- One (1) – Dyed item (Division 4)
- Two (2) – Handspinning items (Division 5 – must enter 2 classes)

The total seven (7) items will be judged as a "Body of Work"

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 and Montana State Fair special rosette

Sponsored by Noble's Westside Liquor Store

RESERVE CHAMPION FLEECE OF SHOW: \$25

Sponsored by City Bar & Casino

CHAMPION HANDSPINNING FLEECE OF SHOW: \$25

Sponsored by Great Falls Weavers and Spinners 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.
6. **Exhibitors may enter two items per class.**

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:

- 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:

- 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 Wadmam 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)

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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 2016 or 2017
 - 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)

