

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: Cammie Johnson

2019 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

(All activities listed will be in the Harvest Building)

Friday, July 5 –	9am – 4pm	Entry Office open in Mercantile Building to accept early entry forms and
Tuesday, July 23	Mon – Fri	early entries. Early entry forms are encouraged. Need not pay at this time.
Wednesday, July 24	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 25	1 – 6 pm	Wool entries accepted
Friday, July 26	10am – Noon	Wool entries accepted
	Noon	Deadline for wool entries
	1 pm	Wool Judging
Saturday, July 27	10 am – 5 pm	Weaving Class with Maude Knudsen
	7:30 pm	Antique Sock Knitting Machine Demonstration
Sunday, July 28	Noon – 2pm	Weaving & Spinning Demonstrations
	4 pm	Antique Sock Knitting Machine Demonstration
	7 pm	Weaving Demonstration
Monday, July 29	Noon – 5pm	Spinning Demonstration
	6 pm	Weaving Demonstration
Tuesday, July 30	Noon – 5pm	Spinning Demonstration
	6 pm	Antique Sock Knitting Machine Demonstration
	7 pm	Spinning Demonstration
Wednesday, July 31	Noon – 5pm	Spinning Demonstration
	6 pm	Weaving & Spinning Demonstrations
Thursday, Aug 1	Noon – 5pm	Spinning Demonstration
	7 pm	Great Falls Weavers & Spinners- Spin In. (Public Welcome)
	8 pm	Yarn Spinning Races
Friday, Aug 2	Noon – 5pm	Spinning Demonstration
	7 pm	Weaving Demonstration
Saturday, Aug 3	Noon	Basket Weaving Demonstration
	2 pm	Weaving & Spinning Demonstrations
	6 pm	Antique Sock Knitting Machine Demonstrations
Sunday, Aug 4	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 Fri 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 judging completion. 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 26th through August 3rd (8am to 6pm) and August 4th through 8th (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 that time period 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 W-9 on file. The Montana State Fair will mail premium awards only to winners.

NOTE: A W9 must be filled out each year if either of the following apply to you:

- **You have had changes to your name or address**
- **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 GENERAL INFORMATION section of this handbook and complying with policies listed therein.
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.

WEAVING & WOOL SPECIAL AWARDS

WEAVING

“BEST OF FAIR” WEAVING AWARD – \$25 & Montana State Fair special rosette
*Sponsored by **Happy Trails 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.*

WOOL

CHAMPION PUREBRED RAM FLEECE: Montana State Fair special rosette
CHAMPION PUREBRED 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 Spinners and Weavers 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.

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:

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| 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 |

DIVISION 1: HANDWEAVING, continued

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| 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 Wadmals 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 wadmals 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)

MONTANA WOOL EXPO

DIVISIONS

- 10 PUREBRED SHEEP WOOL – WHITE ONLY
- 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 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)

