



## **Fiber Arts**

- A. The purpose of the Fiber Arts competition is to showcase products made with alpaca fiber.
- B. A completed Entry Tag must accompany the item, stating the farm name and/or the artisans name, address, and item's classification. If known, the name and a photograph of the alpaca from which the fiber was gathered may also be included and attached to the Entry Tag.
- C. Items must have been completed during the last year.
- D. All entries, in all classes, must consist of a minimum of 50% alpaca fiber.
- E. Fiber Arts items will be divided by Division, Category, Group and Class as follows:
  - 1. Divisions:
    - a. Beginner: (working in the Fiber Art for less than two years).
      - 1) Junior – ages 18 and younger
      - 2) Adult – over age 18
    - b. Intermediate (working in that Fiber Art for more than two years).
    - c. Advanced (working in that Fiber Art for more than five years and/or has submitted to a juried event)
  - 2. Categories:
    - a. All handwork
      - 1) 100% hand spun yarns with 100% handmade construction, and/or 100% hand felted (may use commercially prepared roving)
    - b. Partial or non-handwork
      - 1) Use of commercially spun yarn and/or machine knitted, woven or felted
      - 2) Less than 100% hand felting
  - 3. Groups:
    - a. Woven
    - b. Felt
    - c. Knit
    - d. Crochet
    - e. Lace
    - f. Multiple construction techniques
  - 4. Classes:
    - a. Accessories – any technique
      - 1) Gloves, hats, socks, slippers, purses and other small wearable items such as jewelry
      - 2) Shawls and scarves
    - b. Garments – any technique

- 1) Sweaters, jackets, dresses, vests or complete outfits
- c. Hearth & Home – any technique
  - 1) Art and toys (pictures, figurines, etc.)
  - 2) Home furnishings (rugs, pillows, afghans, wall hangings, containers, etc).

F. Each artisan may enter one item per Division/Category/Group/Class.

G. Each item must be accompanied by a written description that provides construction details. This description will be included in the points for judging. The description requires, but is not limited to, the following information:

- 1. Fiber preparation
- 2. Fiber content
- 3. Techniques used
- 4. Intended use

H. Written descriptions shall not exceed a 3” x 5” card and must not contain identifying information, including but not limited to alpaca name, individual name or ranch identifying information. Note: Description cards containing identifying information will be removed and no points for written description will be awarded.

I. No substitutions at the show

J. Judging criteria: Items will be judged anonymously with points given for:

- 1. Visual appeal (Total possible points: 25)
  - a. Design (9)
  - b. Color (8)
  - c. Texture (8)
- 2. Craftsmanship (Total possible point: 60)
  - a. Cleanliness (5)
  - b. Cohesiveness (Subtotal possible points: 15)
    - 1) Consistency
    - 2) Tension
    - 3) Gauge/stitch size, etc
    - 4) Correctness of finish
  - c. Structural durability (Subtotal possible points: 20)
    - 1) Selvedges/joins
    - 2) Correct needle size or correct set
  - d. Finishing (Subtotal possible points: 20)
    - 1) Notions
    - 2) Blocking
    - 3) Final finishing
    - 4) Handle
- 3. Creativity and innovation (Total possible points: 10)
- 4. Construction description and Intent (Total possible points: 5)

K. Fiber Arts exhibiting parasitic infestation shall be disqualified and the reason for disqualification shall be recorded on Judge's Worksheet.

\$10.00 for 1st Fiber Arts/Skein/Spin-Off entry, \$5.00 for each additional  
Self Addressed Pre-Paid Shipping labels are accepted

FOR MORE COST EFFECTIVE RETURN SHIPPING you can provide your own postage:

1. Please be sure to include your SHIPPING tags INSIDE THE BOX with your fleeces.
2. When you take your fleece to UPS, FED EX or POST OFFICE for weighing and shipping, purchase return shipping labels (adding a few ounces for your ribbons!)
3. Please place it in an envelope along with a return address label.
4. Entries will be shipped out the Monday after the show.
5. Please note: If your entry is missing return address and shipping labels your entry will not get mailed on the first Wednesday after the show.

Ship entries to:

**Bill Oraschin, MAPACA Vice president**  
**Harley Hill Farm**  
**451 Kellers Road**  
**Quakertown, PA 18951**  
[harleyhillfarm@live.com](mailto:harleyhillfarm@live.com)

**All Mail In Entries must be received**  
**By April 16, 2024**

**ALL PAYMENTS BY CHECK:**

If you choose not to pay on-line you may pay by check.

**Additional copy of registration form must accompany your check**

Make all checks payable to:  
"MAPACA"

Mail to:

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