

Shepherd's Harvest Alpaca Fiber Arts Competition 2009

Fiber Arts Rules

Fiber Arts Judge: experienced guild member

Fiber Arts Competition

Fiber Arts Divisions:

- Fiber Artist Beginner Youth – Age 18 and younger, working in the Fiber Art for less than 1 year
- Fiber Artist Beginner Adult – Over 18, working in the Fiber Art for less than 1 year
- Fiber Artist Intermediate (Working in the Fiber Art for more than 1 year).
- Fiber Artist Advanced (Working in the Fiber Art for more than 2 year and has received a score of 90 or greater within a given class).

Fiber Arts Categories

- All handwork – 100% handspun yarns with 100% handmade construction, and/or 100% hand-felted
- Partial of non-handwork – Use of commercially spun yarn and/or knitting machine made construction
- Partial or non-handwork – Less than 100% hand-felted

Fiber Arts Groups

- Woven
- Felt
- Knit
- Crochet
- Lace

Fiber Arts Classes

- Accessories – Any technique – Gloves, scarves, socks, and other small wearable items such as jewelry
- Shawls – Any technique
- Hats – Any technique
- Garments – Sweaters
- Garments – Vests
- Hearth & Home – Any technique – Art and Toys (pictures, wall hangings, statues, etc.)
- Hearth & Home – Any technique – Home Furnishing (rugs, pillows, Afghans, etc.)

Rules

1. All Entries, in all classes, must consist of 50% or more alpaca fiber.
2. All Fiber Arts items must be one-of-a-kind items crafted by the exhibitor.
3. A maximum of 1 entry per division/category/group/class per exhibitor.
4. Items must have been completed between May 9, 2008 and May 1, 2009.
5. Each item must be accompanied by written description that provides construction details. The construction description requires, but is not limited to the following information: fiber preparation, fiber content, techniques used, pattern designer, yarn used and intended use. This description will be included in the points for judging. Written description 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.
6. No substitution at the show.
7. Judging Criteria: Items will be judged by experienced fiber artist with points given for visual appeal, design, color, texture, craftsmanship, cleanliness, cohesiveness, consistency, tension, gauge/stitch size, correctness of finish, structural durability, selvages/joins, correct needle size or correct set, finishing, notions, blocking, final finishing, handle, creativity & innovation, construction description and intent.
8. Ribbons will be awarded in each division/category/group/class.
9. Classes may be combined if less than 4 entries per class are received.
10. The judge or Fiber Arts Show Superintendent may change the category/class of an item at his/her discretion.
11. Entry Fees: \$10 per item of Fiber Arts Entry. This fee includes \$3 AOBA fee.
12. **The Entry Form and Fees should be sent to Shepherd's Harvest Alpaca Show. Items to be postmarked no later than April 18, 2009.**

Mail Entry form and payment postmarked by April 18, 2009 to:

Kit Almich, North Country Alpacas, 30224 Lexington Rd., Le Sueur, MN 56058

13. Items may be mailed to Kit, postmarked by May 1, 2009 or delivered to the Alpaca Fleece Show at Shepherd's Harvest on Friday May 8, 2009, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

14. Items must be left on display until 3:00 pm Sunday, May 10, 2009. Items will be mailed back to you for a fee.