

# 2008 Shepherd's Harvest Fiber Festival

## Alpaca Fiber Skein Competition - Rules and Guidelines

### Hand Spun Skein:

1. Entries must be submitted in the name of the spinner
  - A completed entry tag must be placed in a plain clear zipper type gallon size bag with the skein.
2. Skeins must have been completed during the last year.
3. Hand spun skeins will be divided by group (Beginner Spinner, Intermediate Spinner, and Advanced Spinner), category (Yarn spun from commercially prepared fiber, and yarn spun fiber hand prepared), and class (classic yarn, hand spindle, and novelty yarn).
4. Exhibitor may enter 2 skeins per group/category/class provided they are of different fiber preparations.
5. Skeins must be at least fifty (50) yards in length, 1½ to 2 yards in circumference, neatly wound, "figure 8" tied in 4 places and placed in a plain zipper type gallon-sized plastic bag.
6. Each item must be accompanied by a written construction description that includes fiber preparation, fiber content, techniques, etc. This construction description shall not exceed a 3"x5" card and must not include identifying information.
7. Judging criteria:
  - Items will be judged anonymously with points given for visual appeal (luster/brightness, cleanliness, color, skein appearance), handle, craftsmanship, cohesiveness (amount of twist and execution appropriate number of plies, diameter of yarn, structurally durable), consistent application technique (dyeing/blending, novelty technique and plying technique), construction description (yarn suitable for intended use, and fiber preparation techniques).
    - 1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> place ribbons will be awarded in each group/category/class.
  - Classes may be combined if less than 4 entries per class are received.
  - The Judge may change the category/class of an item at his/her discretion.
  - There shall be no ties in scores.
  - Judges' decisions are final.

### Mill Spun Skein:

1. Mill Spun competition will be divided by categories (skeins entered by a Mill demonstrating their best work, and skeins entered by an individual Farm showing the quality of yarn from their fiber) and classes (finer yarns, light/medium yarns, bulky yarns, novelty yarns).
2. Entries must be submitted in the name of the Mill or Farm depending upon the Category.
3. Skein must have been completed during the last year.
4. Each exhibitor may enter 2 entries per category/class provided they are from different production runs and/or dye lots.
5. Skeins must be at 100 yards in length, 1½ to 2 yards in circumference, neatly wound, "figure 8" tied in 4 places and placed in a zipper type gallon size clear plastic bag.
6. Identifying information or labels on items is prohibited.
7. Judging criteria:
  - Items will be judged anonymously with points given for visual appeal (luster/brightness, cleanliness, color, skein appearance), handle, craftsmanship, cohesiveness (amount of twist and execution, appropriate number of plies, uniformity, structural durability), and consistent application technique (dyeing/blending, novelty technique, and plying technique).
    - 1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> place ribbons will be awarded in each category/class.
  - The Judge or Show Superintendent may change the category/class of an item at his/her discretion.
  - Classes may be combined if less than 4 entries per class are received.
  - There shall be no ties in scores.
  - Judge's decisions are final.

**Additional Notes:**

- Items must be left on display until Sunday, May 11, 2008 at 3 p.m. Pick up is Sunday between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m.
- Note: Written authorization is required for someone other than the Exhibitor to pick up the item.
- *Note: Although every precaution will be taken to handle these items with care, Fiber Festival staff and/or Skein Competition organizers will not be held responsible for lost or stolen articles.*
- Mail Back Instructions: If you are not able to personally pick up your entry(s) or assign an authorization person to do so, and wish to have your entry(s) and awards returned to you, please note you must include a return postage and handling fee of \$6.00 with your entry fee. This postage/handling fee is a one time charge and will cover all your entries.
- **Entries not picked up or without the return postage fee will not be returned.**

**Entry Fees:**

- \$16.00 per item in Hand Spun Skein Division.
- \$16.00 per item in Mill Spun Skein Division.
- \$6.00 return postage and handling if entries are not to be picked up on Sunday, May 11, 2008 between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. Note: This is a one time charge and covers all entries submitted by an individual farm or mill.