

Wool Market at Taos - 2016

Youth Fiber to Fabric Project

Purchase of locally grown raw fiber from documented local sources- your own family flock or friends are fine.
We can help you find a local producer in your area if you need help

Attend classes in preparation of fiber, fiber types (local workshops, store, or 4H classes, home or family instruction is fine)

Sheep Shearing Demos /Fiber Preparation Classes /Spinning Classes / Knitting classes

(To make things easier we will supply a basic pattern so we are judging a similar end product)

Use of pattern and decorative additions from local yarn stores. (90% of finished project should be your handspun yarn)

Entry of your project at your local county fair, or fiber festival -in the handspun open or 4H class is required

Wool Market at Taos (entry of project Required)

While you do not have to attend the Taos Wool Festival in person, you must have a one-to-one interview with the project judge via Skype. Projects may be sent in by mail, but must include return postage. Please contact Ellen Sibelius to arrange this step.

Project to include for judging a display of all steps in your project, and your finished project, include your pattern, and samples of any ribbons, beads, decorative additions.

1. **Receipt from local producer**, or documentation if your family is the producer, include pictures of shearing day
2. **Sample of raw (2 oz raw)** - tied into a small bundle with a ribbon
3. **2 oz. of carded fiber** prepared by the entrant)- again tied with a ribbon
4. **1 oz sample of singles** -skein of single yarn
5. **Pictures of you at the spinning and knitting classes** You will **knit a scarf** for the final project
6. **Your Completed Project Book**
7. **Interview with the Project Judge**- Attendance at the festival is encouraged but not required. If you can not attend the 2016 Taos Wool Festival, you can complete this step by Skype interview.

Contestants **must enter some part of their project** at their local fair or area wool shows. It does not have to be the entire project. (could be a knitted item, a skein of your handspun yarn etc.) Include **pictures of your project on display**, especially if you compete in a fashion show, include any ribbons you won. (Placement at other shows will not be considered in final decision)

Grand prize Winner -awarded on total points, the written report, and final finished project

Grand Prize- Spinning wheel to Grand Prize winner who completes all steps including competition at the Taos Wool Market 2016

For more Information, to register for classes, or for more individual help with project requirements, please contact

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