

2016 Garment and Home Accessories Show

October 1

Kit Carson Park – Taos, New Mexico

Judging Classes

ARTISTS COME AND CELEBRATE THE 2016 TAOS WOOL FESTIVAL

We offer this unique opportunity for fiber artists to join us in supporting our regional fiber producers by creating original designs for our 2016 Garment and Home Accessories Show. In honor of the mission of the Mountain and Valley Wool Association who produces the Taos Wool Festival, we request that items entered contain a majority of animal fiber that has been raised in Colorado/New Mexico/Texas. All entries should promote, emphasize, and be "about" animal fiber.

Finished fiber goods may contain silk, plant fibers, synthetic fibers, and other materials in a supporting role. Examples are silk warp and synthetic stuffing covered by wool fabrics.

NOTE: Non-US supporting Fiber is accepted but not encouraged. Entries may not be from a kit.

All entries must have been completed between Nov. 2015 & Sep 30, 2016. Artists are limited to one item per class. Artists may enter multiple items, but they must be in different classes.

Times

- Entries are accepted at the Garment & Home Accessories Show in the big top tent between 8:00a – 8:50a.
 - a. Prior to submitting the item, all entrants need to visit the Information Booth, pay for your entry, and receive a payment ticket for the GHA Show. Information Booth will open at 7:30a.
 - b. Bring the payment ticket and completed 2016 Garment and Accessories Show Entry Form, along with the item to the big top tent
- At 9:00a the Big Top tent will be closed for Judging
- From 2:00p – 4:00p the Big Top tent will be opened for participants to view the items in the show
- All entries may be picked up and checked out by the artist or documented assignee beginning at 4:00p. Special Awards will be presented at 4:30p, so please check your entry to determine if you are one of the special winners
 - a. 2nd and 3rd place ribbons will accompany the item to be picked up
 - b. 1st place, Champion, Reserve Champion and Silver Medallion award entries will have a certificate attached to the winning item. In order to receive your ribbon or silver medallion, meet in front of the Big Top at 4:30p for awards and pictures. Please bring your winning entry with you.
- All entries must be picked up at 5:00 pm October 1 unless mailing has been previously arranged

Fees

- MAVWA members (includes all family members) are allowed up to 5 entries/items total between the competitions. More than 5 entries is \$5/item.
- Non-Members: \$10 per entry/item per show
- No charge for Wool Festival Booth vendors

Judging Criteria

Judging based on

- Quality of construction,
- Skill (weaving, knitting, crocheting, and felting)
Creativity in design and fiber selection.
- NOTE: Classes may be changed depending on number of submitted entries

Classes

Garment Class

- ❖ Wearable - Felted
- ❖ Wearable - Knitted / Crocheted – Lace Weight
- ❖ Wearable - Knitted / Crocheted – Bulky Weight
- ❖ Wearable - Hand Woven
- ❖ Accents - Felted
- ❖ Accents - Knitted / Crocheted
- ❖ Accents - Hand Woven
- ❖ Wearable / Accents (combined class) - Leather Craft

Home Accessory Class

- ❖ Coverings - Felted
- ❖ Coverings - Knitted / Crocheted
- ❖ Coverings - Hand Woven
- ❖ Decorations - Felted
- ❖ Decorations - Knitted / Crocheted
- ❖ Decorations - Hand Woven
- ❖ Coverings / Decorations – Leather Craft

Youth Division

- ❖ Combination of all the above classes

Awards

- I. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place ribbons awarded in each class.
- II. Champion and Reserve Champion awarded in the Garment Class for felted, Knitted/Crocheted and Hand Woven.

- III. Champion and Reserve Champion awarded in the Home Accessories Class for felted, Knitted/Crocheted, and Hand Woven.
- IV. Overall Winner of the Youth Division wins Grand Champion and a \$50 cash award.
- V. A Silver Medallion awarded for the best overall knit item regardless of class.
A Silver Medallion awarded for the best overall woven item regardless of class.
A Silver Medallion awarded for the best overall felted item regardless of class.
- VI. A Silver Medallion awarded to the recipient of the Lorraine Mooney Memorial Award. The Lorraine Mooney Award commemorates the best item made entirely of Colorado / New Mexico / Texas grown animal fiber. This item cannot have been awarded a silver medallion in any other category.
- VII. The most creative piece awarded \$100 in Yarn donated by TBA.