



Taos Wool Festival 2016 Hand Dyed Competition October 2

Kit Carson Park – Taos, New Mexico

Join the fun and show off your talent at the Taos Wool Festival by entering your hand-dyed skeins of yarn at the first ever, **Hand Dyed Competition**. It is open to all our regional ([Colorado](#), [New Mexico and Texas](#)) home or professional dyers using either Natural or Chemical dyes.

Categories

- ✦ Natural dyes
- ✦ Chemical dyes

Classification

- ✦ Home Dyers – those who may sell small quantities of yarn, but who dye primarily for one's enjoyment.
- ✦ Professional Dyers – those who dye and sell large quantities of yarn to supplement or earn a living from their dyeing.

NOTE: Only skeins of yarn that consist of 100% animal fiber will be accepted.

For EACH entry submit

- ✦ Two (2) essentially identical, two-yard skeins, 100g each (1 for display, 1 for testing)
- ✦ Skeins are to be tied in at least two places with the same color yarn as the dyed skein
- ✦ A 4x4-inch stockinette stitch knitted swatch of the dyed yarn using the garter stitch as a border on *all four sides*. NOTE: Use the testing skein to knit the swatch, then skein and tie it into a 2-yard skein.
- ✦ All entries should be dyed between November 2015 & September 2016
- ✦ DO NOT include the name of the color – judges will only see an identification number

Entry fees

- ✦ MAVWA members (includes all family members) are allowed up to 5 entries 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 vendor for the first 5 entries, \$5 per entry after that.

Judging Criteria

Technical

Color Fastness

Completeness of Color Application (Absence of unintentional white spots)

Color

Originality and Interest of color combinations

Originality of technique

Use of Fiber to enhance color

Times

Entries are accepted at the Hand Dyed Competition (HDC) show in the Big Top tent between 8:00 and 9:00 AM on Sunday, October 2.

- ✦ Prior to submitting the entry, all entrants need to visit the Information Booth, pay for your entry, and receive a payment ticket for the HDC. Information Booth will open at 7:45 AM.
- ✦ Bring the payment ticket and completed 2016 Hand Dyed Yarn Competition Entry Form, along with the skeins of yarn to the big top tent
- ✦ At 9:00 AM the Big Top tent will be closed for Judging
- ✦ The Big Top tent will be reopened from 1:00-3:00 PM for participants and wool festival attendees to view the skein entries in the show
- ✦ All entries may be picked up and checked out by the dyer or documented assignee beginning at 3:00 PM. Special Awards will be presented at 3:30 PM, so please check your entry to determine if you are one of the special winners
 - > 2nd and 3rd place ribbons will accompany the item to be picked up
 - > 1st place, Reserve Champion, 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 3:30 PM for awards and pictures. Please bring your winning entry with you.
- ✦ 1st place, Reserve Champion and Champion awarded in each category/classification
- ✦ Silver Medallion awarded to Best Overall Hand-Dyed Skein entry
- ✦ All entries must be picked up by 4:00 PM October 2 unless mailing has been previously arranged