

2017 Garment and Home Accessories Show October 7th

Kit Carson Park - Taos, New Mexico

Judging Classes

ARTISTS - COME AND CELEBRATE THE 2017 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 2017 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. 2016 & Oct 6, 2017. Artists are limited to one item per class. Artists may enter multiple items, but they must be in different classes.

Times

- Entries will be accepted at the Garment & Home Accessories Show in the big top tent on Saturday between **8:00am - 8:50am**.
 - a. Prior to submitting your item(s), you must visit the Information Booth, pay for your entry/entries, and receive a payment ticket for the GHA Show. Information Booth will open at 7:30am.
 - b. Bring the payment ticket and completed 2016 Garment and Accessories Show Entry Form(s), along with the item(s) to the big top tent by 8:50am
- At 9:00am the Big Top tent will be closed for Judging
- From 2:00pm - 4:00pm the Big Top tent will be opened for participants and the public to view the items in the show
- All entries must be picked up and checked out by the artist or documented assignee beginning at 4:00pm. Special Awards will be presented at 4:30pm, 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 4:30pm for awards and pictures. Please bring your winning entry with you.

- All entries must be picked up by 5:00 pm October 7th unless return mailing has been previously arranged. 'Abandoned' items will be donated to the MAVWA Silent Auction for the following year.

Fees

- MAVWA members and 2017 TWF Vendors (includes their family members) are allowed up to 5 entries/items total between the competitions. Additional entries beyond 5 are \$5/item.
- Non-Members: \$10 per entry/item per show

Judging Criteria

Judging is based on

- Quality of construction,
- Skill (weaving, knitting, crocheting, and felting),
- Creativity in design and fiber selection.

Classes

Garment Class:	Home Accessory Class:
❖ Wearable - Felted	❖ Coverings - Felted
❖ Wearable - Knit/Crochet - Lace/Med Weight	❖ Coverings - Knit/Crochet
❖ Wearable - Knit/Crochet - Bulky Weight	❖ Coverings - Hand Woven
❖ Wearable - Hand Woven	❖ Decorations - Felted
❖ Accents - Felted	❖ Decorations - Knit/Crochet
❖ Accents - Knit/Crochet	❖ Decorations - Hand Woven
❖ Accents - Hand Woven	
❖ Wearable/ Accents (combined class) - Leather Craft	❖ Coverings/Decorations (combined class) - Leather Craft
Youth Division:	Separate category covering all the above classes

NOTE: Classes may be changed depending on number of submitted entries

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. Champion and Reserve Champion awarded in the Home Accessories Class for Felted, Knitted/Crocheted, and Hand Woven.
- III. Overall Winner of the Youth Division wins Grand Champion and a \$50 cash award.
- IV. A Silver Medallion awarded for the best overall Knit/Crochet item regardless of class.

- V. A Silver Medallion awarded for the best overall Woven item regardless of class.
- VI. A Silver Medallion awarded for the best overall Felted item regardless of class.
- VII. 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.
- VIII. The most creative piece will be awarded \$100 in Yarn (donated by a MAVWA member).

Thank you - we look forward to receiving your entry!