



# Taos Wool Festival

## 2017 Hand Dyed Competition

### October 8th

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 **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 2016 & September 2017
- ✦ 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 all the competitions. Add \$5 for each item beyond 5 entries.
- ✦ 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 8th.

- ✦ 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 2017 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
  - > 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place ribbons will accompany the item to be picked up
  - > 1<sup>st</sup> 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.
- ✦ 1<sup>st</sup> place, Reserve Champion and Champion awarded in each category/classification
- ✦ Silver Medallion awarded to Best Overall Hand-Dyed Skein entry
- ✦ To be eligible for the silver medallion, the source fibers must originate from the MAVWA region, consisting of Colorado, New Mexico, and Texas.
- ✦ All entries must be picked up by 4:00 PM October 8th unless mailing has been previously arranged