



Taos Wool Festival 2018 Garment & Home Accessories Show

Saturday, October 6th

Kit Carson Park – Taos, New Mexico

ARTISTS - COME AND CELEBRATE THE 2018 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 2018 Garment and Home Accessories Show.

In honor of the mission of the Mountain and Valley Wool Association which 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 cotton 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. 2017 & Oct 5, 2018. Artists are limited to one entry per category. Artists may enter multiple items, but they must be in different categories.

Times

- Entries will be accepted at the Garment & Home Accessories Show in the Big Top tent on Saturday between **8:00 a.m. – 8:50 a.m.**
 - 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 7:45 a.m. on Saturday.
 - b. Bring the payment ticket and completed 2018 Garment and Accessories Show Entry Form(s), along with the item(s) to the Big Top tent by **8:50 a.m. Late entries will not be accepted.**
- At 9:00 a.m. sharp the Big Top tent will be closed for Judging
- From 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. 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 4:00 p.m. Special Awards will be presented at 4:30 p.m., so please check your entry to determine if you are one of the special winners
 - a. 1st, 2nd and 3rd place ribbons will accompany the item to be picked up

- b. Grand Champions, Lorraine Mooney Memorial and Silver Medallion award entries will have a certificate attached to the winning item. In order to receive your special award, meet in front of the Big Top at 4:30 p.m. for awards and pictures. Please bring your winning entry with you.
- All entries must be picked up by 5:00 p.m. October 6th. Unclaimed items will be donated to the MAVWA Silent Auction for the following year. Note: You may also designate on your entry form that your item be donated to the Silent Auction – thank you!

Fees

- MAVWA members and 2018 TWF Vendors (includes their family members) are allowed up to 5 entries/items total at no fee among all the Taos Wool Festival competitions. Additional entries beyond 5 are \$5/entry.
- Non-Members: \$10 per entry/item per show

Judging Criteria

Judging is based on:

- Quality of construction,
- Skill (weaving, knitting, crocheting, felting, or leatherwork),
- Creativity in design and fiber/material selection,
- Fiber from Colorado, New Mexico and Texas.

Judging Categories

Garment Categories:	Home Accessory Categories:
❖ Wearable / Accents - Felted	❖ Felted
❖ Wearable / Accents - Knit/Crochet	❖ Knit/Crochet
❖ Wearable Accents - Hand Woven	❖ Hand Woven
❖ Wearable / Accents - Leather	❖ Leather
❖ Youth Division: Separate competition in each of the above categories.	

The Judges reserve the option to combine Categories where there aren't enough entries, or to sub-divide Categories that have too many entries to judge fairly, and to not make an award where – in their opinion - the entries do not merit it.

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Awards

- I. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place ribbons awarded in each category.
- II. Overall Winner of the Youth Division wins Grand Champion and a \$50 'MAVWA Bucks' award.
- III. A Silver Medallion awarded for the best overall:
 - a. Felted item regardless of category.
 - b. Knit/Crochet item regardless of category.
 - c. Hand Woven item regardless of category.
 - d. Leather item regardless of category.
- IV. 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.

Thank you – we look forward to receiving your entry!