



# Taos Wool Festival 2018 Hand Dyed Yarn Competition

## October 7th

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 in the **Hand Dyed Competition**. It is open to all home or professional dyers using either Natural or Chemical dyes.

Entries can be submitted at the Taos Wool Festival in-person or can be mailed in (see instructions at the end of this document).

### Categories

- ✦ Natural dyes
- ✦ Chemical dyes

### Classification

- ✦ Home Dyers – those who may sell small quantities of yarn, but who dye primarily for their own use and 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, approx. 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 2017 & September 2018
- ✦ DO NOT include the name of the color or any information that identifies you – 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. \$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)

*Note: The Judges reserve the option to combine classifications if there are insufficient entries.*

### 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 7th.

- ✦ Prior to submitting the entry, all entrants must visit the Information Booth to pay for your entry(s) and receive a payment ticket for the HDC. Information Booth will open at 7:45 AM.
- ✦ Bring the payment ticket and completed 2018 Hand Dyed Yarn Competition Entry Form(s), along with your skeins of yarn to the Big Top tent between 8:00 and 9:00 AM
- ✦ 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, 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 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 7th unless mailing has been previously arranged. Any unclaimed entries will be donated to the 2019 Silent Auction (SA) - or you may designate your entry for the 2019 SA by putting 'Silent Auction' in the designated pick-up assignee's name on your entry form. Thanks – the TWF appreciates donations!

## Mail in entries in advance of the Festival

- Skein, entry form, and fee may be mailed to the TWF Show Coordinator, postmarked no later than September 15, 2018.

TWF Show Coordinator: Lise Poulsen

Gaucha Blue Gallery, PO Box 114, Peñasco NM 87553

For questions, e-mail: [lise.poulsen@mindspring.com](mailto:lise.poulsen@mindspring.com)

- Include a pre-paid USPS Priority mailing label including tracking and insurance for returning your entries.
- Note: The TWF Show Coordinator will not be responsible for any skeins lost in transit.