



Taos Wool Festival Fleece Competition 2019

Saturday, October 5th

We welcome your entries to the 2019 fleece competition!

***** Fourth Year *****

FLEECE SALE AT THE TAOS WOOL FESTIVAL

Time of Sale: 2 PM to 4:30 PM (closing)

Rules

- The fleece tent will be open to anyone who would like to sell fleeces AND has entered at least one fleece in the Fleece Competition.**
- Owners/Sellers will handle their own fleece sales and can sell up to 15 fleeces.**

Times: Bring your entries to the Fleece Show Tent (in the Big Top) at the Festival between 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM on Saturday, October 5th. The Show will be open to the public from 11:00 AM judging until closing at 4:30 PM. We encourage you to come for the judging, which is a great opportunity to learn about the characteristics of a winning fleece for hand spinning.

Fleeces may be picked up by exhibitors once the judging for the entire show is complete, and must be picked up no later than 4:30 PM on Saturday. **Any fleeces left after 4:30 will be a donation to the 2020 Silent Auction -Thank you!** You must check out your fleece with the Fleece Competition staff prior to removing it from the tent.

Entry fees

- ✦ MAVWA members (includes all family members) are allowed up to 5 entries total between all Wool Festival competitions. More than 5 entries are \$5/item. You may join MAVWA before coming to the Wool Festival. Click on [link to join MAVWA](#).
- ✦ Non-Members: \$10 per entry/item per competition
- ✦ No charge for 2019 Taos Wool Festival Booth vendor for the first 5 entries, \$5 per entry after that.

Prior to submitting an entry at the Fleece tent, all entrants MUST visit the Information Tent, pay for their entry(s), and receive a payment ticket for the Fleece Competition. Information Tent will open at 7:45 AM.

Entries: An entry is one fleece. Fleeces must have been grown in Colorado, New Mexico, or Texas. Fleeces must have been shorn after October 2018 and represent 12 month's growth or less.

NOTE: Yearling fleeces will be allowed up to 16 month's growth.

Preparation of Fleeces: This show is intended for premium quality *hand-spinning* fleeces. Fleeces must be exhibited untied in a clear plastic bag.

Labeling: After receiving your payment ticket at the Information Tent, bring your fleeces to the Fleece Show tent where you will fill out a label indicating:

- **Sheep:** white or colored, and type of fiber (fine, medium, coarse, heritage breed, or Navajo-churro), breed, and age of animal, along with your name, address, phone and booth number if applicable.
- **Goat:** type of fiber (mohair, cashmere, or cashgora) and age of animal, along with your name, address, phone and booth number if applicable.
- **Alpaca:** age of animal, along with your name, address, phone and booth number if applicable.

Personal information will be hidden during judging. No farm/ranch business cards or labels indicating ownership are allowed to be displayed with the fleeces during judging.

Criteria for Judging: Fleeces will be judged for soundness, cleanliness, uniformity, and general character typical of high quality animal fiber. Again, this show is intended for premium quality hand-spinning fleeces. Please be aware that the criteria on which hand-spinning fleeces are judged are different than those on which fleeces would be judged for commercial spinning or for any other use.

Fiber Divisions and Classes are summarized in the table on the next page.

Please note:

If there are a sufficient number of entries, the wool classes may be further broken out by breed and/or age of the animal. Breed and age may be factored into the judge's scoring regardless of how the fleeces are grouped by class.

The heritage class includes all fleeces except Navajo-Churro (which has its own class) having a combination of hair or medulated fiber and wool. Examples of breed fleeces that may fit into this class are Karakul, Shetland, Jacob and some modern breeds derived from crosses of wool breeds and hair sheep (e.g., California Red Sheep).

The classes and grade/styles listed above are based on historical entries at the Fleece Competition. The Show Manager reserves the right: to combine classes if the number of entries in any individual class or grade/style is insufficient; to place entries in appropriate classes as necessary; or to sub-divide grades/styles if entries warrant.

Awards: Awards will be presented as listed in the table, below, as entries warrant in each grade, style or class. The 2019 awards are based on historical entries and/or recommendations of past judges. The Show Manager reserves the right to re-allocate awards as appropriate, if grades/styles or classes are combined or sub-divided as entries warrant.

The Fleece Competition emphasizes quality. A class or championship ribbon or a silver medallion will be awarded only when, based on the judge's experience, the quality of the fleece merits such an award. In other words, to merit a ribbon or medallion, a fleece must be comparable to the award-winning fleeces the judge has seen at comparable shows. If only one fleece is entered in a class it does not guarantee a blue ribbon, or a ribbon at all. You can rest assured that a fleece that earns a ribbon or award at the Taos Wool Festival would be a competitive entry at other regional fleece competitions!

If you have any questions regarding the Fleece Competition, contact Show Manager [Ric Rao](#)

| Awards | | Classes | Awards | Combined Classes | Awards |
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| Sheep – white, Fine | 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd place ribbons | Sheep – White & Colored | Grand Champion Reserve Champion | Sheep | The Myrtle and Roy Dow Best of Sheep Fleece Silver Medallion |
| Sheep – white, Medium | 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd place ribbons | | | | |
| Sheep – white, Coarse | 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd place ribbons | | | | |
| Sheep – colored, Fine | 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd place ribbons | | | | |
| Sheep – colored, Medium | 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd place ribbons | | | | |
| Sheep – colored, Coarse | 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd place ribbons | | | | |
| Sheep – white, Heritage | 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd place ribbons | Sheep – Heritage & Navajo Churro | Grand Champion Reserve Champion | | |
| Sheep – colored, Heritage | 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd place ribbons | | | | |
| Sheep – white, Navajo Churro | 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd place ribbons | | | | |
| Sheep – colored, Navajo Churro | 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd place ribbons | | | | |
| Fiber Goat – Mohair Kid | 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd place ribbons | Mohair | Grand Champion Reserve Champion | Goat | Silver Medallion |
| Fiber Goat – Mohair Yearling | 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd place ribbons | | | | |
| Fiber Goat – Mohair Adult | 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd place ribbons | | | | |
| Fiber Goat - Cashmere | 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd place ribbons | Other Fiber Goat | Grand Champion Reserve Champion | | |
| Fiber Goat - Cashgora | 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd place ribbons | | | | |
| Alpaca - Cria | 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd place ribbons | Alpaca – Cria to Yearling | Grand Champion Reserve Champion | | |
| Alpaca - Yearling | 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd place ribbons | | | | |
| Alpaca –Two Year Olds | 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd place ribbons | Alpaca – Two to Adult | Grand Champion Reserve Champion | | |
| Alpaca - Adult | 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd place ribbons | | | | |