



Taos Wool Festival 2019 Hand Dyed Yarn Show-Competition

Sunday October 6th

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 Yarn Show-Competition (HDYSC)**. 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: The Judges reserve the option to combine categories/classifications if there are insufficient entries.

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 must have been dyed between November 2018 & September 2019
- ✦ 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 free 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 Vendors 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



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Times

Entries are accepted at the Hand Dyed Yarn Show Competition (HDYSC) show in the Big Top tent between 8:00 and 9:00 AM on Sunday, October 6th.

- ✦ Prior to submitting the entry, all entrants must visit the Information Tent to pay for your entry(s) and receive a payment ticket for the HDYSC. Information Tent will open at 7:45 AM.
- ✦ Bring the payment ticket and completed 2019 Hand Dyed Yarn Competition EntryForm(s), along with your skeins of yarn to the Competition Tent between 8:00 and 9:00 AM
- ✦ At 9:00 AM the Competition Tent will be closed for Judging
- ✦ The Competition Tent will be reopened from 1:00-3:00 PM for competitors 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
 - > 2nd and 3rd place ribbons will accompany the item to be picked up
 - > 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 Competition Tent at 3:30 PM for awards and pictures. Please bring your winning entry with you.
- ✦ 1st 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 2020 Silent Auction (SA) - or you may designate your entry for the 2020 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 Hand-Dyed Yarn Show Manager, postmarked no later than September 15, 2019.

Hand-Dyed Yarn Show Manager: **Kay Smith**
1865 Sturm Lane, Fort Garland, CO 81133

For questions, e-mail: handdyedinfo@taoswoolfestival.org

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