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
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 Entry Form(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.