

2019 Finger Lakes Fiber Festival Skein & Garment Competition Rules

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We look forward to receiving your entries for our festival and believe that participation in fiber arts competitions is a great way to learn how to improve your craft! Inquiries may be directed to fest@gvhg.org.

RULES:

- 1) All entries must be clean and odor-free. All work must have been completed in the last year, and not have been previously entered in the Finger Lakes Fiber Festival competitions.
- 2) There are NO restrictions on the number of items you may enter in any one class. Entries developed in workshops are welcomed.
- 3) All entries must include:
 - An entry fee of \$3.00 for each item entered. Make checks payable to GVHG.
(There is a \$25 fee charged for returned checks)
 - A completed entry form. Multiple entries from an individual may be on one entry form.
 - An attached 3 x 5 card for each entry. Include:
 - A small return address label with name and address of entrant taped to the back of card
 - The class name and number
 - Age of entrant if under 18 years
 - Fiber content, including the breed and producer if known
 - For Finished Goods include:
 - ✓ If commercial pattern is used, include pattern name and designer.
 - For handspun skeins, include:
 - ✓ Grist (wraps per inch) and yardage
 - ✓ Fiber preparation
 - ✓ Description of techniques used
 - ✓ Intended use

(be sure to include all requested information or your entry may be disqualified)
- 4) All entries must be received by 4:00pm on **August 17th, 2019**. Late entries will not be accepted.
 - Entries may be brought to the July or August Genesee Valley Handspinners Guild meeting.
 - If you wish to mail your entries, please contact us at fest@gvhg.org.
- 5) All entries will be displayed uncovered but supervised by volunteers during Festival hours. The Festival will make every effort to secure and supervise entered pieces but assumes no responsibility for damage or loss. It is the responsibility of the entrant to insure entries, if so desired.
- 6) **Judges reserve the right to shift entries to more appropriate classes without penalty to the entrant, and to combine or divide classes at will.** Judges' decisions are final. Entry fees will not be refunded for disqualified items.
- 7) Ribbons will be awarded for first through fifth place in each category at the discretion of the judges. Judges are not required to award all ribbons if, in their opinions, the entries are not of appropriate quality.
- 8) Additional restrictions may apply to special awards from festival sponsors, which are listed at the GVHG website: www.gvhg.org/fiber-fest. Because specifications for the competitions and special awards may vary, items are judged separately (i.e., blue ribbon does not guarantee special award) and the judges' decisions are final.
- 9) Entries will be available for pickup between 4-5 pm on Sunday, September 22, 2019; **EARLY PICK-UPS ARE NOT PERMITTED!** Items will be released only to the entrant, or to a third party designated by the entrant on the Entry Inventory Form. Items may also be returned by US mail or UPS **ONLY** if prepaid and addressed packaging is provided at the time of entry. The Festival will not pay any fees associated with returning items to their owners. Unclaimed items become the property of GVHG.

SKEIN AND GARMENT COMPETITION CLASSES

SPECIAL NOTE ABOUT MEASURING YARN DIAMETER ("GRIST"): All spinners (even novices and juniors) should ***measure the diameter of finished yarn*** by counting the number of times the yarn can be wrapped around a measuring device (such as a ruler) over the space of one inch, without stretching or crowding. The number of "wraps per inch" (often abbreviated to "wpi") is the standard method of referring to the thickness or diameter of a yarn. You may wish to count the wraps over several inches and divide by the number of inches to find the average wpi, or measure wpi at several locations in your skein. Judges may subdivide classes by grist and/or fiber content and may shift entries to more appropriate classes without penalty to the entrant.

All skeins should weigh 2 ounces minimum (or, if finer than 20 wpi, contain at least 40 yards), and be neatly wound to a circumference of 1.5 to 2 yards, with both ends of the skein tied together. Skeins should be secured in four places, using yarn that matches the skein in "figure-8" ties, using a square knot, and washed to set the twist.

HANDSPUN SKEIN CLASSES:

- S01. Singles Skein
- S02. 2-ply Lace weight
- S03. 2-ply (Sock to DK weight)
- S04. 2-ply (Worsted to Bulky weight)
- S05. 3-ply Skein
- S06. Chain-Plied Skein
- S07. Spindle-Spun Skein
- S08. Novelty Skein
- S09. Novice Skein (Spinning Less Than One Year)
- S10. Junior Skein (under 18 years on Sept. 1, 2019)
- S11. Naturally Dyed Skein (dyed by entrant)
- S12. Chemically Dyed Skein (dyed by entrant)
- S13. Exotic Skein (Non-Wool Fibers)

Judging Criteria for Skeins will include: overall appearance (draft control, appropriate grist for fiber, finishing); singles (integrity, uniformity, appropriate twist); plying (consistency, balance); dyeing/blending; and appropriate presentation.

FIBER ARTS COMPETITION CLASSES

Please note: **Handspun** refers only to yarn produced by the entrant. All others are **commercial**.

CLASSES OF FINISHED GOODS:

Woven

- W01. Woven Wearable Article
- W02. Woven Non-Wearable

Crocheted

- C01. Crocheted Article, Small Item, Handspun Yarn (e.g. socks, hat, mittens, scarf)
- C02. Crocheted Article, Small Item, Commercial Yarn
- C03. Crocheted Article, Large Item, Handspun Yarn, (e.g. sweater, jacket, afghan, blanket)
- C04. Crocheted Article, Large Item, Commercial Yarn

Felted

- F01. Felted Article – Wearable
- F02. Felted Article – Non-Wearable

Knitted Articles

- K01. Handknit Adult Sweater – Commercial yarn
- K02. Handknit Adult Sweater – Handspun Yarn
- K03. Handknit Child’s Garment
- K04. Handknit Cowls & Scarves – Commercial Yarn
- K05. Handknit Cowls & Scarves – Handspun Yarn
- K06. Handknit Hats – Commercial Yarn
- K07. Handknit Hats - Handspun Yarn
- K08. Machine-Knitted Socks
- K09. Handknit Socks – Handspun Yarn
- K10. Handknit Socks – Commercial Yarn
- K11. Handknit Mittens
- K12. Handknit Shawls – Commercial Yarn
- K13. Handknit Shawls – Handspun Yarn
- K14. Handknit Wraps
- K15. Handknit Non-Wearable

Misc.

- J01. Junior Entrant (under 18 years on Sept. 1, 2019), any technique listed in the finished goods categories.

- B01. Handspinner’s Basket of Rolags: A minimum of 4 ounces of fiber, made into rolags, displayed in a basket or other attractive container. Rolags must be prepared by the entrant using equipment of choice (e.g. blending board, hand cards, etc.). Fiber may be processed and dyed by the entrant **OR** commercially prepared, then blended and made into rolags by entrant. Details of fiber processing, a 10-yard skein, and intended use must be included.

- B02. Handspinner’s Basket, Part I: A minimum of one pound of hand-spun yarn, displayed in an appropriate container, which has been spun for use in a single project. A pattern and a sample swatch **MUST** be included.

- B03. Handspinner’s Basket, Part II: The finished item made from the contents of a previously submitted Handspinner’s Basket, Part I.

- B04. GVHG Sheep Study Finished Article: Open to only members of GVGH who participated in the GVHG Sheep Study Group. Article must be made from the fleece of a type of sheep studied by the group in the past 4 years, (not necessarily just from the fiber samples provided by GVHG). Fleece must be processed entirely by the entrant.

- B05. Article Displaying Creative use of Color, incorporating handspun fiber.

Judging Criteria for Finished Goods (Fiber Arts) will include: overall effect (complementary design, fiber, and color, if applicable); appropriate finishing; execution (free of mistakes, appropriate hand); appropriate embellishment; special appeal/creativity.

