

# Finger Lakes Fiber Arts Festival 2011 Fleece Show & Sale

Judge: Sunny Bixby, *Liberty Ridge Farm and Gardens*

The purpose of the Finger Lakes Fiber Arts Fleece Show & Sale is threefold:

- To provide producers with the opportunity for the professional evaluation of their fiber in order to gain insight into improvement,
- To provide these producers with a sales venue specifically oriented to fiber artists searching for high-quality wool,
- To provide handspinners and other fiber artists the opportunity to purchase wool that is of superior quality, cleanness and other desirable characteristics.

## Divisions and Classes

**Division I: White Fleeces**

**Division II: Natural-Colored Fleeces**

Divisions I and II will each have classes A, B, C, and D.

### Classes:

- A. Fine: Spinning Count 64's to 80's (e.g. Merino, Rambouillet, Targhee)
- B. Medium: Spinning Count 50's to 62's (e.g. Cheviot, Columbia, Corriedale, Tunis)
- C. Long: Spinning Count 36's to 48's (e.g. Cotswold, Leicester, Lincoln, Romney)
- D. Double Coated: (e.g. Karakul, Navajo-Churro, Scottish Blackface)

## Fleece Rules and Standards

- At the present time, this competition and sale is for wool (sheep) fleece only.
- Fleeces may be in show only, or both show and sale. There is no provision for sale only.
- Fleeces will be judged primarily on suitability for handspinning.
- Fleeces must be from the current (2010-2011) wool crop and represent no more than 15 months growth.
- Fleeces must be clean, free of chaff, burrs, tags, and second cuts.
- Fleeces must be skirted and in a large, clear plastic bag, one fleece only per bag.
  
- Limit of 10 fleeces per producer
- Entry fees - \$2 per fleece for show only; \$5 for show and sale
  
- The selling price of fleeces shall be set by the producers.
  
- Each fleece must be tagged with a 3x5 card folded in half. On the inside, print name, address, and phone number; on the outside, write division, class, and breed.
- If fleece is for competition only and is not for sale, print also "NFS" on outside of card.
- If fleece is for sale, mark also on outside of card; weight, price per pound and total cost.

- Judging is against a standard, not comparative among entries. If judge feels no fleece in any particular class is a first place standard, for example, no first place will be awarded in that class. This applies to all places, all classes, both divisions.
- Judge reserves right to disqualify any fleece if rules and standards are not met.
- Judge's decisions are final.

- Pre-registration until Thursday, September 15, 2011. You must pre-register your fleeces. There will be no registration at the festival. Mail your registration form with your entry fees to: Carolyn Rivello, 226 E. Commercial St, East Rochester, NY, 14445
- Friday 1:30pm- 5:30pm - fleeces accepted at check in. Judging will take place late afternoon on Friday.
- Saturday 10am- 5pm and Sunday 10am- 3pm - Fleece Sale hours
- Fleeces will be in a secure building, monitored by festival personnel during festival hours, and locked at night.

- Fleeces may be mailed to us. If the fleece is not sold, we will mail it back in the same package it came in. Include a return address label and a **separate** check to cover return postage. Your check for entry fees will be deposited when received. Your check for return postage **will not** be cashed unless the fleece is not sold and we mail it back to you. If your fleece sells, we will mail the return postage check back to you, along with a check for the amount of the sold fleece.

- The Show & Sale coordinator is Carolyn Rivello. Mail your fleeces to her at:  
226 E. Commercial St., East Rochester, NY, 14445

- Fleeces sent by mail **MUST** be received by Thursday, September 15th. Fleeces will be taken to the fairgrounds on Friday by the show coordinator in time for her to begin the check-in at 1:30pm. Mail will not arrive at the East Rochester address in time on Friday for any fleeces delivered that day to be taken to the fairgrounds, so please mail to be received by Thursday to avoid disappointment.

### **Awards:**

*(Sponsored by Genesee Valley Handspinner's Guild)*

Champion - \$20 and blue rosette  
Reserve Champion - \$10 and red rosette

1st place each class - \$5 and blue ribbon  
2nd place each class - \$3 and red ribbon  
3rd place each class - yellow ribbon  
4th place each class - green ribbon

### **Special Awards:**

*(Sponsored by Empire Sheep Producers)*

Best NY State White - \$50 and rosette  
Best NY State Colored - \$50 and rosette