

# **Finger Lakes Fiber Festival 2010**

## **Rules for Skein & Garment Competition**

We look forward to receiving your entries for our festival. Please review the rules and make sure that you send in your entries by September 4, 2010, as judging will take place prior to the festival.

1. There are no restrictions on the number of entries you may have in any one class.
2. Entry must be “new”, i.e. it has not been previously entered at the Finger Lakes Fiber Festival.
3. Entries are categorized into groups described below. Entries will be grouped with like items and judged accordingly. Please remember to describe your entry, designate junior and/or novice (spinning less than one year) on the entry tag.
4. Entry fee is \$2.00 for each item entered and be included with entry form and entries. Be advised that there will be a \$25.00 charge for checks returned for insufficient funds.
5. Items must be in a “ready-to-judge” condition when submitted.
6. To enter, please send (or bring) the entry form, fees and your entries to: Diane Seely, 800 Chili Ave. Extension, Churchville, NY, 14428. I will also pick up entries at our GVHG meetings.
7. Please attach a sturdy tag to each item. Tag can be a string tag, index card or handmade card; please make sure that the print is large enough to read. On one side, print (or use an address sticker) your name, address and phone number. On the other side, include the following: Item name (ex. adult sweater), junior and/or novice entry, description of item, description of technique(s) used, type of fiber (percentages, if known), breed of sheep (if known), dyes used and identify if commercially prepared in any way.
8. Fine grist skeins (20 or more wpi) must be a minimum of 40 yards in length. All other skeins shall be a minimum of 2 ounces. All skeins must be tied in at least three places.
9. Any item not meeting requirements may be disqualified.
10. Please view the special awards list and indicate any category that would be appropriate for your entry. Special awards will be posted as they get verified, so check again on [www.gvhg.org](http://www.gvhg.org).
11. Entries must be received by September 4, 2010.
12. The judge reserves the right to change the entry class if he/she feels that the item should be in a different class.
13. The Festival Committee will make every effort to display and care for the pieces entered, but assumes no responsibility for damage or loss.
14. Unclaimed entries become the property of the Festival Committee.
15. If you want your entries shipped back to you, you must include return USPS Priority Mail postage (including insurance) with your entry fee.

16. Entries may not be picked up from the display area until 3:30 pm on Sunday, September 19, 2010. If you (or your designated agent on entry form) cannot pick up your entries at that time, please make prior arrangements regarding shipping your entries back to you.
17. By entering items in our competition, you have agreed to have them on display until 3:30 pm on Sunday, September 19, 2010. Please do not ask our volunteers to release them any earlier.

## **Categories**

Please mark entry if junior or novice (less than one year spinning). This is a very general listing and will be modified to best judge entries. "Finished" items may be hand-knitted, machine-knitted, crocheted, woven, felted, etc. I'm being deliberately vague on the class listing as there are so many creative people, with fabulous projects, and I don't want to restrict entries to a list. Please describe your entry in detail on your tag so that we can place your entry in the most appropriate class.

**Skeins:** Main categories are wool, non-wool protein, plant, novelty.

- Further divisions may include separate classes for alpaca, llama, angora, silk, linen, soy, etc.
- In addition, each group may be divided by weight: Fine (20 or more wpi), Medium (10-19 wpi), Bulky (less than 10 wpi).
- Other divisions may be number of plies or other specific techniques used.
- All skeins are to be tied in a minimum of 3 places, preferably 4 places.
- Fine grist skeins (20 or more wpi) must be a minimum of 40 yards in length. All of skeins shall be a minimum of 2 ounces. Under-weight or under-length skeins will be disqualified.
- For the skein competition, please try to use a 2-yard (or close to it) niddy-noddy to wind your skeins. You may use a smaller niddy-noddy for fine grist skeins. This is to ease the judging process and to create an attractive display at our Festival.
- Please indicate on tag if spun on a drop spindle or on a wheel, fiber content, breed, dyes used (if any), spinning techniques, plying techniques and any other information that describes your yarn.
- Please indicate what part, if any, of the entry has been commercially prepared. For example, if you personally washed/carded the fiber or it was prepared by a commercial mill. If dyed, who dyed it...yourself, a vendor, commercially?

**Adult clothing** such as sweaters, vests, hats, mittens, scarves, shawls, socks, slippers, accessories.

- If you have created a set, please enter each item separately, but do make note on the entry that the items are part of a set.
- Please indicate if yarn is handspun or commercial
- Please indicate pattern(s) used and give credit to designer and/or book.

**Children's clothing**, same as above, just littler

**Domestic items** to include towels, pillows, blankets, afghans, other home accessories

### **Toys & Sculptures**

**Miscellaneous:** What doesn't fit into one of the above classes.

#### **Handspinner's Yarn Basket, Part I** (natural or dyed, any fiber):

- The first year of this entry is to include a minimum of one pound of spun yarn, description of fiber, spinning method, a swatch and a description (including sketch and copy of pattern, if known) of what you intend to make.
- Yarn may be wound into any size skein for this entry.
- You do not actually have to make what you originally planned; we understand that projects evolve over time. For example, you may have originally planned to make a throw from Part I's yarn, but changed your mind and made a sweater instead (which we would hope to have entered in Part II next year).
- This class will be judged on craftsmanship and creativity.

#### **Handspinner's Yarn Basket, Part II** (natural or dyed):

- In a previous year, you entered your baskets of yarn; this year, you enter your finished item
- Please include a description of fiber, spinning method, construction techniques, pattern info and any other information that pertains to how you created your finished item.
- Including the information from Part I is recommended; just add the finished item information to it.

#### **Handspinner's Mini Yarn Basket, Part I:**

- Same rules as above, but less than 1 pound of yarn required.
- This basket category is designed for smaller end projects.

#### **Handspinner's Mini Yarn Basket, Part II:**

- Same rules as above.

#### **Shepherd's Basket:**

- Basket to include a sampling from a shepherd's flock. A flock may include sheep, llamas, alpacas, rabbits, cats, dogs, silkworms, and/or any combination of critters, as long as those animals *are or have been owned by the shepherd*.
- All samples shall be natural (no dyes) only.

- Each sample shall include an unwashed lock, a washed lock (if washing needed), a sample of prepared fiber (if any preparation is needed), a sample skein and a swatch (knitted, crocheted, woven, your choice).
- Documentation for each sample shall include species, breed, color (example moorit, fawn, white, etc.), washing method, method of preparation (none, hand cards, drum carder, combs, etc.), spinning and plying techniques used.
- Sample skeins shall be at least one ounce and/or 40 yards in length. As will other skeins, tie them in at least 3 places.
- There may be only one sample per animal with the following exceptions:
  - Any animal with a multi-colored fleece (such as Jacob sheep) or coat. You may separate the colors and label each accordingly.
  - Any animal that has a "first shearing", for example hogget/lamb fleeces for sheep, kid for mohair. There may be 2 samples for those cases, please label accordingly.
- All samples shall be *spun and swatched by the shepherd*.