**Hand Spun Skein Competition**

**Waynesburg SHEEP & FIBER FEST**

All entries will be displayed uncovered but supervised during festival hours.  Every effort will be made to display and care for entries, but the festival staff assumes no responsibility for loss or damage.

**Prizes**

$7.00 - First Place $4.00 - Second Place

**SPECIAL AWARDS:**
**Best Skein**: $25.00 plus rosette

sponsored by Ten Mile Fiber Mill

**Best Skein spun by a new spinner** (spinning for less than 1 year): $25.00 plus rosette

Sponsored by Washington Spinners and Weavers Guild

**Best Skein Spun from fiber (in any form) purchased from a Waynesburg Sheep and Fiber Show vendor** (must document with label.) The fiber did not have to be purchased at the Waynesburg Sheep and Fiber Festival $25 Sponsored by West Heritage Farm

**RULES FOR HANDSPUN SKEIN CONTESTS:**

1. Entry fee of **$3.00 per item need not be submitted. It is covered by a grant.** Enter in person on site between 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

2. Items must be completed **within the previous year.**

3. Each skein must be a minimum of one yard in circumference and tied loosely with matching yarn in two places in a figure eight and washed to set the twist.

4. Each skein should weigh a minimum of two ounces for medium and bulky; and one ounce for fine.

5. No commercial yarn except for Category F.

6. Entries must be checked-in between 9:00 am and 11:00 am on Saturday and remain on display until 3:00 pm Sunday. Pick up begins at 3:00 p.m. and ends at 4:00 p.m. unless prior arrangements are made.  If you would like you entry returned by postal mail, supply a pre-paid envelope when entering your skein. We are not responsible for items lost in the mail. On grounds entries will be accepted Saturday, 9 -10:30 am in the Upper Level of Building 10. Festival staff is not responsible for unclaimed items left after 4:00 pm.

7. All entries must be the work of the exhibitor.

8. A maximum of 3 entries per person per category.

9. Judging will take place Saturday beginning at 11:00 a.m.

10. Entry fee: $3.00/skein (**waived** due to grant). Entry forms, one for each skein, are to be filled out prior to registration.

Please attach two 3x5 cards to each entry – cards will be available at check-in.

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PLEASE READ CAREFULLY AS IMPROPERLY MARKED ITEMS WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE TO BE JUDGED!!

**CARD #1**, please indicate the following:

a. category you are entering

b. the fiber content

c. handspun or commercial spun (Indicate Waynesburg Sheep and Fiber Show Vendor if applicable and attach a label for verification)

d. FOR SKEINS

include the technique(s) used to prepare the fiber

indicate wheel or drop spindle spun.

the intended use of the skein

 **CARD #2**, please print your name, address and telephone number.  This card goes behind the first card. This is the information that will be used for prize money.

***NO OTHER TAGS OR LABELS ARE ALLOWED ON THE ENTRIES.***

PLEASE NOTE, NATURAL FIBERS OCCUR NATURALLY IN NATURE
AND COME NATURALLY FROM PLANTS OR ANIMALS (I.E. COTTON, FLAX OR HEMP, SHEEP, DOGS, LLAMAS, BISON OR SILK), AND ARE NOT REGENERATED OR MANUFACTURED FIBERS WHICH START WITH NATURAL PRODUCTS BUT ARE MADE BY HUMAN HANDS (I.E. BAMBOO, RAYON, SOY OR MILK).

11. Handspun refers only to yarn produced by the exhibitor, all others are commercial.

12. If there are more than 15 entries per category, the category may be divided at the discretion of the judge(s).

13. JUDGES DECISIONS ARE FINAL.

**HANDSPUN YARN:**

**Category A**: Singles not plied containing at least 50% Sheep Wool - List fiber content on entry form.

Class F: fine    Class M: medium    Class B: bulky

**Category B**: Spun and plied traditional yarn (2 ply or more) at least 50% Sheep Wool - List fiber content on entry form.

Class F: fine plied   Class M: medium plied   Class B: bulky plied

**Category C**: Singles not plied containing at least 50% Alpaca - List fiber content on entry form.

Class F: fine    Class M: medium    Class B: bulky

**Category D**: Spun and plied traditional yarn (2 ply or more) at least 50% Alpaca - List fiber content on entry form.

Class F: fine plied   Class M: medium plied   Class B: bulky plied

**Category E**: Spinners choice of fiber and ply - List fiber content on entry form.

**Category F**: Novelty yarn: boucle, knot, spiral, slub, cable; spinner choice. A commercial yarn with a handspun yarn may be used for this class. Identify the commercial portion on entry.

**Category G**: **Novice spinner**: spinning one year or less: single or plied, at least 50% Sheep Wool or Alpaca Fiber - List fiber content on entry form.

**To help determine which class of fine, medium, or bulky your skein belongs, a yarn sample chart will be available at check-in.**

HINT FOR ENTERING SKEIN: Spin fiber, wash skein, after drying RE-SKEIN yarn and tie LOOSELY in figure eight in two places. Do NOT wind into a tight skein prior to entering.

Cash will be awarded in each class as follows: First place: $7.00; Second place; $4.00; Third place $3.00. Ribbons will be awarded in one through third place.

Skeins may be picked up on Sunday beginning at 3:00 and must be picked up no later than 4:00. If you would like you skein returned by mail, please supply a pre-paid envelope when entering.

Waynesburg Sheep and Fiber will NOT be responsible for loss or damage. A responsible person will be attending to skein tables during show hours and the building will be locked at night.