



NEW ENGLAND ALPACA FEST 2006 **HANDSPINNERS/FIBER ARTS COMPETITION**



This year the NEAF Fiber Arts Competition will again feature a handspinners' skein contest as well as an opportunity to compete in a number of finished product categories. This is a wonderful opportunity to showcase the talents of NEAOBA members as well as an occasion to highlight the luxury and versatility of alpaca fiber. You may submit items in as many categories as you wish.

Deadline: Entry forms and payment must be postmarked no later than April 29, 2006. Actual entry items must be checked in at NEAF by 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 13, 2006. If you wish to mail your entry item(s), it too should be postmarked no later than April 29, 2006, and be sure to include return postage if you would like your item(s) back.

Skein and Fiber Arts Competition Rules

- All entries in all classes must consist of at least 50% alpaca fiber.
- Skeins must weight at least 1 oz. and be neatly wound and tied.
- The judge, Sue King, will award points for creativity, craftsmanship, hand feel, visual appeal, and appropriate use of fiber and technique. The judging will take place at 11 a.m. on Saturday morning, May 13, 2006.
- Ribbons will be awarded to 1st and 2nd places in each class, as well as a Judge's Choice ribbon in the skein competition and a Judge's Choice ribbon in the fiber arts competition. Classes may be combined if there are less than three entries per class.
- Entry fee: \$8.00 per item entered. You may enter as many items in as many classes as you choose and for which you are eligible.
- A copy of the entry form and fees (payable to NEAOBA) should be sent to:

NEAF Fiber Arts Competition
c/o Catherine Connor
Ibiwisi Alpacas
1993 Pine Banks Road
Putney, VT 05346

Skein Classes

There are three classes for handspun skeins: 1) skeins of 100% alpaca, 2) skeins of at least 50% alpaca, and 3) novelty yarns. Please select the class that best describes your entry, list each item separately on the entry form, and check the appropriate class. Where appropriate, you may enter skeins in more than one class.

Each skein must include a 3x5 inch card describing the item submitted, the type of fiber used (please differentiate huacaya or suri), whether the roving was prepared commercially or by hand, and the intended use of the skein.

Experienced Handspinners

(one or more years experience in handspinning)

S-1E. Classic Yarn – 100% huacaya or suri fiber

S-2E. Classic Blend Yarn – 50% huacaya or suri fiber

S-3E. Novelty Yarn – boucle, thick or thin yarns, beaded yarns, etc.

Novice Handspinners

(having less than one year of handspinning experience)

- S-1N. Classic Yarn – 100% huacaya or suri fiber
- S-2N. Classic Blend Yarn – 50% huacaya or suri fiber
- S-3N. Novelty Yarn – boucle, thick or thin yarns, beaded yarns, etc.

**Youth Division Competition
(for youths aged 16 or younger)**

- S-1Y. Classic Yarn – 100% huacaya or suri fiber
- S-2Y. Classic Blend Yarn – 50% huacaya or suri fiber
- S-3Y. Novelty Yarn – boucle, thick or thin yarns, beaded yarns, etc.

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Fiber Arts Classes

There are four classes for finished fiber art products: 1) knitted products, 2) crocheted products, 3) woven products, 4) felted products. All must consist of at least 50% alpaca. Please select the class that best describes your entry, list each item separately on the entry form, and check the appropriate class.

Each product must include a 3x5 inch card describing the item submitted, the type of fiber used (please differentiate huacaya or suri), whether the fibers used were pre-prepared commercially or by hand, and any special techniques used.

This competition is for one-of-a-kind items, created by the individual artist only. No commercially created finished items will be accepted.

- F-1. Knitted apparel and accessories (hats, gloves, scarves, socks, and other wearable items).
- F-2. Crocheted apparel and accessories (hats, gloves, scarves, socks, and other wearable items).
- F-3. Woven apparel and accessories (hats, gloves, scarves, socks, and other wearable items).
- F-4. Felted apparel and accessories (hats, gloves, scarves, socks, and other wearable items).



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REGISTRATION FORM

Please complete a form for each item you submit.

Name: _____
Farm Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____

Please circle the appropriate classes for your item:

Experienced Handspinner

- S-1E. Classic Yarn – 100% huacaya or suri fiber
- S-2E. Classic Blend Yarn – 50% huacaya or suri fiber
- S-3E. Novelty Yarn – boucle, thick or thin yarns, beaded yarns, etc.

Novice Handspinner

- S-1N. Classic Yarn – 100% huacaya or suri fiber
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Youth Handspinner

- S-1Y. Classic Yarn – 100% huacaya or suri fiber
- S-2Y. Classic Blend Yarn – 50% huacaya or suri fiber
- S-3Y. Novelty Yarn – boucle, thick or thin yarns, beaded yarns, etc.

Fiber Arts Products

- F-1. Knitted apparel and accessories
- F-2. Crocheted apparel and accessories
- F-3. Woven apparel and accessories
- F-4. Felted apparel and accessories

Each skein must include an attached 3x5-inch card describing the item submitted, the type of fiber used (please differentiate huacaya or suri), whether the roving was prepared commercially or by hand, and the intended use of the skein. This is part of the judging criteria and items will be marked down for missing or inadequate descriptions.

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