

Michigan Fiber Festival Skein Competition 2024

Chairperson: Darcey Owings

Judge: Joan Sheridan

Location: VFW Building

Guidelines for Competition

1. Yarn must have been spun entirely by the entrant and after August 2023
2. Yarn may be wheel or spindle spun
3. Skein must be at least 1 ounce (28 grams) in weight
4. Yarn wound into a skein on a 2-yard niddy-noddy, gently figure eight tied in 4 places and left hanging loosely. (Do Not twist into a tight skein)
5. Finished yarn must be clean, dry and free of odors.
6. Entrant must choose a class appropriate to their age and experience.
7. Entrants may enter a maximum of 2 skeins per category.
8. Entrants may submit skeins into as many categories as are appropriate to the yarn spun.

Registration Friday August 16, 2024 from 4:00pm to 6pm and Saturday August 17, from 8:30 to 10:30 am in The VFW Hall. Entry fee is \$3.00 per skein to be paid upon registration (cash or personal check, NO credit/debit cards). Entry forms will be available at the registration table.

If entrant cannot register at the Festival, skeins may be mailed ahead of time to:

Skein Competition

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27165 Baker Drive

Sturgis MI 49091

Mailed entries must be received no later than August 1, 2024, and MUST include: \$3.00 per skein entry fee (personal check or money order only, no credit/debit card), information for each skein is outlined below, return postage (or note indicating the skein(s) will be picked up at the festival) and an email address for delivery confirmation.

Information to be completed for each skein upon registration.

Class

A : Children - age 11 and under, any type of yarn

B : Juniors - age 12 to 17, any type of yarn

C : Novice - Adult (age 18 and up) spinning one year or less, any type of yarn

D : Intermediate Adult - spinning longer than 1 year, must identify a category for each skein

E : Advanced Adult - if you have won a first place award in any competition or if you have taught spinning, must identify a category for each skein

Category:

1. Single - Any weight

2. 2 or more ply - Any weight

3. Novelty - Any weight (Novelty yarns include a wide variety of yarns made with unusual features, structure or fiber composition such as slubs, inclusions, metallic or synthetic fibers, laddering and varying thickness introduced during the production)

4. Super Fine: 2 or more ply, greater than 18 wpi

5. 2 ply fine 15 wpi for intermediate and advanced only

6. 2 ply med 9-13 wpi for intermediate and advanced only

7. 2 ply bulky weight 4-8 wpi intermediate and advanced only

8. 3 or more ply all one category intermediate and advanced only

9. Superfine 25 wpi intermediate and advanced only

Additional Information Required Length: of skein in yards

Weight of skein in grams (a scale will be available at the registration desk)

Fiber content: Be as specific as possible: Example: 30% Merino, 70% Alpaca, ...

Intended Use: Example: shawl, sweater, ...

Judging begins at 1:00 PM Saturday August 17.

Awards: First, Second and Third Place ribbons will be awarded in each class and category when appropriate.

Upon completion of judging and awards we ask that you leave your skeins on the tables in the display area until 4pm to allow other fairgoers to admire. **This area will be monitored!**

Skein Pick Up: Saturday August 17, 2024 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Skeins that are not picked up become the property of Michigan Fiber Festival.

Michigan Fiber Festival assumes no liability regarding skeins entered into the Skein Competition being lost, stolen or damaged.