

Open Wool, Weaving, and Natural Fibers, Department 60

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To read the rules, classes and divisions, go to:

<https://nwwafair.com/p/fair-and-rodeo/exhibitors-guide/open-class-departments/wool-and-natural-fibers>

To place an on-line entry, click here: <http://nwwafair.fairwire.com/>

For detailed online entry tips, see attached pages.

All entries must be registered on-line, this is required for all exhibits and exhibitors to be entered in the fair. If you don't have access to a computer, the library is your best option. We will have a computer to use at the fair office but once again the library is preferred as they have more computers for the public to use.

NEW FOR 2019: Plant Fiber, Weaving

Woven entries made with natural plant fibers will be accepted into the Wool Show. This includes weaving on floor and table looms, tapestry weaving and off loom-weaving techniques, including knotting, basketry, and caning. Fibers allowed in addition to wool and animal fibers include cotton, linen, hemp, bamboo, wood, bark, reed, cane and other plant fibers, including processed plant fibers made from wood (Rayon, Tencel) and bamboo

Other artificial or synthetic fibers will not be accepted. These may be eligible for entry into the needlework or Grange Divisions, please check those divisions for entry deadlines and rules.

Open class entries will be judged with a 1ST, 2ND, or 3RD placing

4-H & FFA may enter. Please enter in department 1 or 2.

*4-H and FFA entries will be judged using the **Danish system of judging**. In this **system**, the **judges** do not judge one person's work by comparing it to another's. The evaluation is made against a standard, taking into account the age of the entrant and a set of standards for the craft or the fleece.*

1. All entries are to be the work of the exhibitor. Superintendent has the right to accept or refuse any entry.
2. Department, division and class is determined by the exhibitor. If you have questions about your entry, please contact the superintendent prior to entry day.
3. Entries can be placed on-line through Monday prior to the fair (one week). All entries will be accepted between 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. at the Rotary Building on the Friday before the fair. On-line entries must also be brought to that location in during those times.
4. For your Convenience, entries may be dropped off at Northwest Yarns, 1401 Commercial Street, Bellingham (360)738-0167 by noon the Thursday prior to the Fair, or at the Jansen Art Center Textiles Studio, 321 Front Street, Lynden, by noon Thursday prior to the Fair.

Exhibitors with large or numerous entries are encouraged to deliver their own items during the Friday entry times (see #3). The Northwest Washington Fair, Northwest Yarns, and the Jansen Arts Center are not responsible for items left at this location other than to hold them for transport.

5. All entries must have an entry tag attached to each entry and be clearly marked with the DIVISION and CLASS number they are entered in. Entries without this information will NOT be judged.

6. Items dropped off at Northwest Yarn or the Jansen Art Center will be returned there. All other exhibits must be picked up Sunday from noon to 2 p.m. On Monday the buildings remain open for cleaning and there is NO Security available.

7. No entry fees will be required, and no free admission will be issued.

8. Any wool or plant fiber item completed in the last 2 years and not previously shown at the Northwest WA Fair is eligible. No kit items. All articles entered must be handcrafted - acceptable methods are weaving, knitting, crochet, felt, and other fiber processes. (Class B needs to be handspun by exhibitor)

9. All entries must be at least 75% of any combination of animal or plant fiber, ie... Wool, Alpaca, Mohair, Llama, Angora, Silk, Cotton, linen, hemp, bamboo, cane, bark, etc. Remaining 25% can be other fibers. All fiber used must be specified.

10. All entries will be Judged and Exhibited. Emphasis will be on quality, originality, design, intended functions, and in the case of garments, drape and wear ability. No premium will be given unless the article is worthy, regardless of competition. The opinion of the judge will be final in all cases.

11. Include hanger or other suitable method of displaying with your entry. All containers or other related items used to transport, or store entries should be clearly marked with the name of the exhibitor and description of item. If feasible, please make a 4" square sample of your work and include it with your item. This will give the public a chance to touch a sample without risk of damage to your piece.

12. One entry per class, 12 total entries per person. In addition to your entry information, please attach a 1/4-page sheet WITHOUT YOUR NAME for the judge, attached to each item, describing fiber content, whether this is a class project or original design, briefly anything you feel may be pertinent to the creation or end use of your item. We recommend using a typewriter or computer printer for your 1/4-page description.

Online Entries are open now (as of June 1, 2019)

The last Day to enter your work online is Monday, August 5.

Entries must be registered online, no matter where you are dropping them off

Before You Enter:

First look at what you want to enter.

Know the type of item and fiber.

Read the Regulations, Divisions and classes.

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Determine what division - A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, J, K, L your piece fits in.

And the class number (type of item) of each of your entries.

You can only enter one item per class, up to 12 items total

Tip: if you have two wool scarves, you can only enter one as a scarf, but you can enter the other as "other" in the same division.

To Enter:

Be sure to link to and review the instructions before registering and entering. Printing out the instructions is recommended, especially if you have multiple entries or have not entered before.

Go to <http://nwwafair.fairwire.com/>

Click on OPEN CLASS DEPARTMENTS

Scroll to the very bottom of the page(below the Agricultural, farm animals, etc.) click on **Wool, Weaving and Natural Fibers**

First, you will need to Register as an Exhibitor, which includes your name, address, phone and email, setting up a password, and confirming your information. (If you win a ribbon, you get a (small) payment from the fair. They need your address to send your check.)

Write your password here to remember it _____, You will need it again, to go back and add your entries.

Once you have registered, the next step is labeled "Entries." Choose a Department, which will be: 60 Open Wool, Weaving, and natural fibers. (Scroll all the way down to the bottom of the list)

Each time you click continue, or add an entry you will need to scroll to the bottom of the page, to select the division, then the class, and then add your entry to your "cart." Wool and Weaving entries do not have to pay a fee - amount due will be \$0.0 (If you enter a piece and change your mind, you can later remove that entry from your cart.)

Click on the drop down menu for each entry, to place it in the correct Division, and again in the correct Class within that division.

Type a short description of your item into the box. The limit is 100 characters for this online description, including spaces and punctuation. Write it out ahead of time, to avoid making multiple trial and repeat of this step while online.

(put one letter or punctuation mark in each space)

Write a typed or computer printed description, without your name, for each entry, and attach it to the entry before delivery. The Judge will read this in addition to examining your entry. This is limited to ¼ page - about a paragraph. Don't neglect to do this, it helps the judges a lot to know more about your work.

If you are entering a fleece or fleeces, scroll all the way down to the bottom of the Wool and Natural Fibers division and class page, to see the PDF Raw Fleece Form. Print out a copy of this form for each fleece you enter, fill it out, and deliver it in the bag with each fleece. You will still need to enter your fleece(s) online, too.

You don't have to enter everything online at once. You can save your "cart" and enter up to 12 items at different times. If you leave the Fair website and return at another time, you will be asked to login -using the password you saved - and then look at the box on the upper left where it shows your name and cart. Click on "edit" then you can click on "add another entry" below your cart on the screen. When you are finally done, you will click the continue box, and be asked to type yes into the agreement box to complete your entry.

Register your entries online anytime, through Monday, August 5 (the Monday BEFORE the week of the Fair) Deliver your entries to the Fair between 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. at the Rotary Building on August 9, the Friday before the fair, or to NW Yarns or the Jansen Art Center by noon on thursday, August 8.