

2024
DEPARTMENT 8
HAND SPINNING

The 2024 Big E will be held September 13-29, 2024.

Exhibitor handbooks and schedules are subject to change.

We suggest you request to be added to the email lists of the departments you are entering, follow the department Facebook page, or check our website frequently for updates.

Email CreativeArts@TheBigE.com to request to be added to be added to our email list.

Follow us on Facebook @bigecreativearts

All exhibitors are required to read and comply with the GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS of the Creative Arts Department and to acknowledge with entry submission that they have obtained copyright permission when appropriate.				
Entry Form Due	August 12	Online: https://TheBigE.fairwire.com/		
Entry Fee per Item	\$5; \$2 for Skeins			
Entry Limit	Exhibitors can have a maximum of three (3) entries total across Departments 1-14			
Eligibility	Must be completed within past 3 years			
Classes	A: Adult Professional	B: Adult Non-Professional	C: Youth 13-18	D: Youth 5-12
Premiums	Best of Department: \$20	Blue: \$20	Red: \$17	White: \$14
Receiving	Tuesday, September 3: 8:00 am to 7:00 pm		New England Center	
Judging	Closed to the public		Wednesday, September 4 – Friday, September 6	
Release	Monday, September 30, 12:00 pm to 7:00 pm	Tuesday, October 1, 8:00 am to 1:00 pm	New England Center	
After November 1, all unclaimed items become the property of Eastern States Exposition and will be disposed of as deemed necessary.				
For additional information, contact Creative Arts at CreativeArts@TheBigE.com or call (413) 205-5015.				

Judging in Divisions 801-805 may include but not limited to:

Design	Appropriate Materials and fibers for the item	Color
Creativity	Technique & Workmanship	Buttonholes
Condition	Assembly/Seams/Joins	Neckbands
Sleeves/Cuffs	Finishing (ends woven in properly)	



Please note: For **Divisions 801 through 805**, please include a minimum 2-yard sample on an attached 3” x 5” card. Please include a brief explanation of the fiber content, preparation & its intended use.

Hand Knit/Hand Woven

Division 801 Wearing Apparel (Dresses, vests, shawls, etc.)

Division 802 Wearing Apparel Accessories (Hats, scarves, etc.)

Division 803 Home Accessories (Throws, place mats, rugs, etc.)

Division 804 Other Items

Division 805 Mixed Media – anything at least 50% hand knit/hand woven and any other fiber art.



Shawl by
Angelina Moore

Division 806 2024 Creative Arts Theme: “United We Fair”. The piece involves a spirit of unity. Please include a 3”x5” index card describing how entry relates to the theme.

Skeins in Divisions 807-810 must be a minimum of 1½ yards, weigh at least 2 oz., and be tied in 4 places.

Please note: For **Divisions 807 through 810**, please include a brief explanation of the fiber content, preparation & its intended use on an attached 3” x 5” card.

Judging in Divisions 807-810 may include but not limited to:

Presentation

Evenly skeined
Properly tied
Attractiveness

Fiber Preparation

Lack of debris, nepps, staining
Clean, not greasy
Well blended
Preparation appropriate for fiber

Spinning

Even grist and twist
Soundness
No breaks
Invisible joins
Evenly plied
Appropriate plying twist
Hand and finish

Novelty Yarn

Creativity
Consistency of grist variation
Consistency of twist variation
Soundness, No breaks
Invisible joins
Evenly plied
Appropriate plying twist
Hand and twist

Hand Spun Skeins: NOTE: Entry fee for skeins is \$2 per skein-one per Division

Division 807 Single

Division 808 Plied

Division 809 Hand-Dyed

Division 810 Novelty

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SPECIAL AWARDS FOR HAND SPINNING

Selection of award recipient is based on "judge's choice" using criteria set by the donor of the award.

NORTHEAST HANDSPINNERS ASSOCIATION, www.nehandspinnners.org

\$25 award for *Best Handspun*

SIX LOOSE LADIES YARN AND FIBER SHOP, CHESTER, VT; www.SixLooseLadies.com,

Email: info@sixlooseladies.com

One Year Membership to Fiber Arts in Vermont and a \$50 gift certificate for *The Most Artistic use of Handspun Yarn*

PIONEER VALLEY WEAVERS GUILD, www.pioneervalleyweavers.org

Judge's Choice: One year membership in the Pioneer Valley Weavers Guild and \$50 Gift Card for WEBS