As we continue to plan for The Big E fair to be held September 15 through October 1 of 2023 our exhibitor handbooks and schedules are subject to change and 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 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.

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<th>Entry Form Due</th>
<th>August 14</th>
<th>Online: <a href="https://TheBigE.fairwire.com/">https://TheBigE.fairwire.com/</a></th>
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<td>Entry Fee per Item</td>
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<td>Exhibitors can have a maximum of three (3) entries total across Departments 1-13</td>
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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.

All items must include an index card with:
- Pattern name and designer
- Yarn name
- Breakdown of fibers

You must indicate on your entry form if your item was made from a kit. A kit includes the pattern and the yarn.

**Hand Knitted Items Only**

**Division 501** Any item made of 100% sheep’s wool or a blend of at least 50% wool and another fiber: Please identify contents on an index card.

**Division 502** Any item made of camelid, angora (rabbit or goat), cashmere, plant fibers, or sheep wool blends (less than 50% sheep wool). Must identify contents on an attached index card.
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Division 503 Wearing Apparel, i.e., Sweaters, hats, socks, scarf, mittens, etc.
Division 504 Home Accessories, i.e., afghans, tablecloth, pillows, doilies, etc.
Division 505 Mixed Media – any entry that may include beading/crochet/weaving with the same item
Division 506 Toys – dolls, amigurumi, etc.
Division 507 Original design not from a published pattern
Division 508 Other than classified
Division 509 Loom Knitting - YOUTH only

SPECIAL AWARDS FOR HAND KNITTING

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

KNITTING WITH AIMEE AT HEMLOCK KNOLL, NORTH GRANBY, CT; www.facebook.com/knittingwithaimee/.
Email: gilbert-aimee@cox.net
One $25 award for Judge’s Selection

NORTHAMPTON WOOLS, NORTHAMPTON, MA; www.northamptonwool.com;
Email: Northamptonwools29@gmail.com
One $75 gift certificate to the knitter that has the Best Exhibit Incorporating Different Stitch Patterns in a garment or afghan

WEBS-AMERICA’S YARN STORE NORTHAMPTON, MA; www.yarn.com;
or email: CustomerService@yarn.com
One $100 Gift Certificate for Most Outstanding Entry in Hand Knitting

Knit sweater by Anna Turnberg (Youth)
Knit hat by Aleah Nicholson (Youth)