

2023
DEPARTMENT 5
KNITTING

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 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 14	Online: https://TheBigE.fairwire.com/		
Entry Fee per Item	\$5			
Entry Limit	Exhibitors can have a maximum of three (3) entries total across Departments 1-13			
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 5: 8:00 am to 7:00 pm		New England Center	
Judging	Closed to the public	Wednesday, September 6 – Saturday, September 9		
Release	Monday, October 2, 12:00 pm to 7:00 pm	Tuesday, October 3, 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.				

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



Knit sweater by Anna Turnberg (Youth)

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 hat by Aleah Nicholson (Youth)

