**DEPARTMENT 6**

**CROCHET**

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>
<td>$5</td>
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<td>Entry Limit</td>
<td>Exhibitors can have a maximum of three (3) entries total across Departments 1-13</td>
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<td>Classes</td>
<td>A: Adult Professional</td>
<td>B: Adult Non-Professional</td>
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<td>Premiums</td>
<td>Best of Department: $20</td>
<td>Blue: $20</td>
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<td>Receiving</td>
<td>Tuesday, September 5: 8:00 am to 7:00 pm</td>
<td>New England Center</td>
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<td>Judging</td>
<td>Closed to the public</td>
<td>Wednesday, September 6 – Saturday, September 9</td>
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<td>Release</td>
<td>Monday, October 2, 12:00 pm to 7:00 pm</td>
<td>Tuesday, October 3, 8:00 am to 1:00 pm</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.

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

**Division 601** 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 602** 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.

**Division 603** Wearing Apparel, i.e., sweaters, hats, socks, scarves, mittens, etc.

**Division 604** Home Accessories, i.e., afghans, tablecloths, pillows, doilies, etc.

**Division 605** Toys, i.e., dolls, amigurumi, etc.

**Division 606** Mixed Media – any entry that may include beading/knitting/weaving within the same item.

**Division 607** Any original design not from a published pattern

**Division 608** Other than classified

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SPECIAL AWARDS FOR CROCHET

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

NORTHAMPTON WOOLS, NORTHAMPTON, MA; www.northamptonwool.com;
Email: Northamptonwools29@gmail.com
One $50 gift certificate for the Best Use of Crochet in an Afghan or Baby blanket

WEBS-AMERICA’S YARN STORE, NORTHAMPTON, MA  www.WEBS/yarn.com
Email: CustomerService@yarn.com
One $100 Gift Certificate award for Most Creative Use of Traditional Crochet (stitches must be used in original clothing or accessories design)

Crochet by Kathleen Ferguson
Crochet by Keira Leigh Jacquier (Youth)