

2024  
**DEPARTMENT 6**  
**CROCHET**

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](mailto:CreativeArts@TheBigE.com) to request to be added to be added to our email list.

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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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| <b>Entry Form Due</b>                                                                                                                               | August 12                                                                        | Online: <a href="https://TheBigE.fairwire.com/">https://TheBigE.fairwire.com/</a> |                                              |               |
| <b>Entry Fee per Item</b>                                                                                                                           | \$5                                                                              |                                                                                   |                                              |               |
| <b>Entry Limit</b>                                                                                                                                  | Exhibitors can have a maximum of three (3) entries total across Departments 1-14 |                                                                                   |                                              |               |
| <b>Eligibility</b>                                                                                                                                  | Must be completed within past 3 years                                            |                                                                                   |                                              |               |
| <b>Classes</b>                                                                                                                                      | A: Adult Professional                                                            | B: Adult Non-Professional                                                         | C: Youth 13-18                               | D: Youth 5-12 |
| <b>Premiums</b>                                                                                                                                     | Best of Department: \$20                                                         | Blue: \$20                                                                        | Red: \$17                                    | White: \$14   |
| <b>Receiving</b>                                                                                                                                    | Tuesday, September 3: 8:00 am to 7:00 pm                                         |                                                                                   | New England Center                           |               |
| <b>Judging</b>                                                                                                                                      | Closed to the public                                                             |                                                                                   | Wednesday, September 4 – Friday, September 6 |               |
| <b>Release</b>                                                                                                                                      | Monday, September 30,<br>12:00 pm to 7:00 pm                                     | Tuesday, October 1,<br>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 <a href="mailto:CreativeArts@TheBigE.com">CreativeArts@TheBigE.com</a> or call (413) 205-5015. |                                                                                  |                                                                                   |                                              |               |

**Judging may include but not limited to:**

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| Design               | Appropriate Materials for the item |
| Creativity           | Technique & Workmanship            |
| Condition            | Assembly                           |
| Degree of Difficulty | Buttonholes                        |
| Neckbands            | Finishing (ends woven in properly) |



Crochet by  
Valerie Long

2024

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



Crochet by  
Alison Smythe  
(Youth 13-18)

- Division 601** Any item made of 100% sheep's wool or a blend of at least 50% wool and another fiber. Must identify contents on an attached 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

**Division 609 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.

### 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](http://www.northamptonwool.com);

Email: [Northamptonwools29@gmail.com](mailto:Northamptonwools29@gmail.com)

\$50 gift certificate for the *Best Use of Crochet in an Afghan or Baby blanket*

**SCANTIC RIVER CREATIONS**, ENFIELD, CT;

*Best Beginner Adult*: 4 skeins of EFA Pearlescent Fingering yarn (\$120 value)

*Best Beginner Youth*: Interchangeable set of light up crochet hooks and 1 skein of BSY Bulky weight yarn (\$65 value)

**WEBS-AMERICA'S YARN STORE**, NORTHAMPTON, MA [www.WEBS/yarn.com](http://www.WEBS/yarn.com)

Email: [CustomerService@yarn.com](mailto: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)



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