

2023  
**DEPARTMENT 8**  
**HAND SPINNING**

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](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 <b>copyright permission</b> when appropriate.			
<b>Entry Form Due</b>	August 14	Online: <a href="https://TheBigE.fairwire.com/">https://TheBigE.fairwire.com/</a>	
<b>Entry Fee per Item</b>	\$5; \$2 for Skeins		
<b>Entry Limit</b>	Exhibitors can have a maximum of three (3) entries total across Departments 1-13		
<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 5: 8:00 am to 7:00 pm		New England Center
<b>Judging</b>	Closed to the public	Wednesday, September 6 – Saturday, September 9	
<b>Release</b>	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 <a href="mailto:Creativearts@TheBigE.com">Creativearts@TheBigE.com</a> or call (413) 205-5015.			

**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.**

**Skeins in Divisions 806-809 must be a minimum of 1½ yards, weigh at least 2 oz., and be tied in 4 places.**

**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

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

**Division 806** Single

**Division 807** Plied

**Division 808** Hand-Dyed

**Division 809** Novelty

### **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](http://www.nehandspinnners.org)

\$25 award for *Best Handspun*

**SIX LOOSE LADIES YARN AND FIBER SHOP**, CHESTER, VT; [www.SixLooseLadies.com](http://www.SixLooseLadies.com).

Email: [info@sixlooseladies.com](mailto:info@sixlooseladies.com)

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