

SAFF Fiber Arts Competition

Fiber Arts Competition Rules

1. Only **ONE** entry **per category** will be accepted. Maximum of **FOUR** entries total for the competition.
2. Each entry must be made entirely by the entrant. Handspun yarn used in any category must be spun by the entrant. If not, enter in the commercial yarn category.
3. Work must have been completed since the last competition which was October 2025.
4. **Complete the entry form** which includes your personal information, item category number, a brief description of the item, the fiber content of the item by approximate percentage, techniques/processes used in construction. For items entered in a Youth category include the age of the entrant as of SAFF 2026.

You must register your entries by completing the entry form and paying, online or by mail *no later than October 20, 2026*. To register and pay online go to: <https://saffsite.org/contests/>
Entries will not be accepted at SAFF that have not been pre-registered!

Checks should be payable to **SAFF**

Mail to: Robin Brooks, 99 Upper Moffitt Road, Asheville, NC 28805

Registered entries must be dropped off Thursday, October 22, 1 - 5pm **or** Friday, October 23, 9 -12pm – WNC Ag Center, Davis Arena. **Your entry item may be submitted by mail but must be received by October 20, 2026.**

Mail To: Robin Brooks, 99 Upper Moffitt Road, Asheville, NC 28805.

Judging will take place on Saturday morning. Entries must be left on display until pick up at 12pm Sunday, **no exceptions.**

5. SAFF is not responsible for entries, but the room will be supervised during SAFF hours and locked after closing. SAFF is not responsible for loss or damage. Any items left after Sunday pickup will become the property of SAFF. **If you want someone else to pick up your entry, please complete a release form when you drop off your entry.** If you want your entry returned by mail, please include a self-address envelope/box with the correct postage.
6. **Entry fees are non-refundable.**

Select from the following categories:

Skeins

- S1 Handspun Single
- S2 Handspun Two Ply
- S3 Handspun Three or More Ply
- S4 Handspun Lace Weight, minimum 1 oz. or 25 yds.
- S5 Spindle Spun Skein, minimum 1 oz. or 25 yds.
- S6 Handspun Novelty/Art Yarn - techniques such as boucle, corespun, locks, etc.
- S7 Novice Spinner (spinning less than one year) single or plied

Knitting

- K1 Hand Knitted Garment Using Handspun Yarn
- K2 Hand Knitted Garment Using Commercial Yarn
- K3 Hand Knitted Shawl, Scarf, Wrap, etc. Using Handspun Yarn
- K4 Hand Knitted Shawl, Scarf, Wrap, etc. Using Commercial Yarn
- K5 Hand Knitted Accessory - Hat, Gloves, Purse, Socks, etc. Using Handspun Yarn
- K6 Hand Knitted Accessory - Hat, Gloves, Purse, Socks, etc. Using Commercial Yarn
- K7 Machine Knitted

Crochet

- C1 Crochet Item Using Handspun Yarn
- C2 Crochet Item Using Commercial Yarn
- C3 Crochet Accessory - Hat, Gloves, Purse, Socks, etc. Using Handspun Yarn
- C4 Crochet Accessory - Hat, Gloves, Purse, Socks, etc. Using Commercial Yarn
- C5 Crochet Miscellaneous Item Using Handspun Yarn
- C6 Crochet Miscellaneous Item Using Commercial Yarn

Weaving

- W1 Woven Wearable Item Using Handspun Yarn
- W2 Woven Wearable Item Using Commercial Yarn
- W3 Woven Household Item Using Handspun Yarn
- W4 Woven Household Item Using Commercial Yarn
- W5 Woven Wearable Item Using a Combination of Handspun & Commercial Yarn
- W6 Woven Household Item Using a Combination of Handspun & Commercial Yarn
- W7 Tapestry Item

Felting

- F1 Needle Felted 2D Item
- F2 Needle Felted 3D Item
- F3 Wet Felted 2D Item
- F4 Wet Felted 3D Item
- F5 Knitted or Woven Item That Has Been Felted (Fulled)
- F6 Wet Felted & Needle Felted Combination

Repurposed Wool

- RE1 Repurposed Wool Wearable Item - must contain at least 80% repurposed wool items, 20% new or other materials.
- RE2 Repurposed Wool Non-Wearable Item - must contain at least 80% repurposed wool items, 20% new or other materials.

Fiber Hooking

- H1 Traditional Hook or Punch Needle Using Original Pattern & Design
- H2 Traditional Hook or Punch Needle Using Bought Patterns, Kits or Pre-Printed Designs

Other Techniques

- T1 Other Techniques Wearable Item - an item containing either: two or more category techniques listed above; or a single technique not addressed in other categories.
- T2 Other Techniques Non-Wearable Item - an item containing either: two or more category techniques listed above; or a single technique not addressed in other categories.

Youth - Aged 17 years old and younger by October 2024. No entry fee for Youth Categories.

- Y1 Handspun Yarn Using Wheel or Spindle
- Y2 Knitted Item Using Handspun Yarn
- Y3 Knitted Item Using Commercial Yarn
- Y4 Crochet Item Using Handspun Yarn
- Y5 Crochet Item Using Commercial Yarn
- Y6 Woven Item Using Handspun (warp may be commercial yarn)
- Y7 Woven Item Using Commercial Yarn
- Y8 Needle Felted Item
- Y9 Wet Felted Item
- Y10 Wet Felted & Needle Felted Combination
- Y11 Other Techniques - an item containing either: two or more category techniques listed above; or a single technique not addressed in other categories.

Ribbons & prize money will be awarded in each category for First, Second and Third place. Ribbons will be awarded for Honorable Mention. Best of Show will also be awarded. Also, People's Choice Award.

Contest Managers: Robin Brooks

Questions?

fiberarts@saffsite.org

The SAFF Fiber Arts Competition Committee welcomes your suggestions, recommendations, and constructive criticisms. We strive to make this competition enjoyable and inspiring for all involved.

2026 Fiber Arts Competition Entry Form

Deadline to receive completed entry form is October 20, 2026

Please print clearly:

Name _____ If Youth - Age _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Email _____

Complete the following information (only write in the space provided) for *each item* that you are entering into the competition. Only one item per category! Print clearly. This information will be used by the judge so include as much information as space allows.

Entry Category Number:	
Brief Description:	
Fiber Content & Percentages, Wool Breed of Sheep, if known:	
Techniques & Processes Used in Construction:	
Handspun Skeins - Intended Use:	Wraps Per Inch:

Entry Category Number:	
Brief Description:	
Fiber Content & Percentages, Wool Breed of Sheep, if known:	
Techniques & Processes Used in Construction:	
Handspun Skeins - Intended Use:	Wraps Per Inch:

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For All Entrants: I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge the information that I have provided concerning my item(s) meet all competition requirements.

Signature: _____

I have enclosed:

- ◆ Completed Entry Form
- ◆ \$3.00 fee *per item*. **Check payable to SAFF.**

Deadline to receive the above information is October 20, 2026. You will receive an email acknowledging your entry.

Mail to:

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