



2012 MAPACA JUBILEE Fleece to Shawl Competition Rules

Judge ~ Wini Labrecque

The contest will take place at the 2011 MAPACA Jubilee Alpaca Show, Friday April 27, 2012, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Goals:

To educate the public and fiber enthusiasts on the qualities of alpaca fiber.

To promote the use of alpaca fiber through a competition where teams of five (5) people will spin and weave a shawl.

Rules:

1. Teams will consist of three (3) spinners and one (1) carder pleyer one (1) weaver. An alternate may be named in the event a team member is not able to participate. Any team member can spin and/or weave.
2. Teams provide their own equipment (i.e. spinning wheels, pre-warped loom, pickers, and carders, etc.). A table and four chairs will be provided for each team. Pre-warp loom at no fewer than eight (8) EPI. Loom to arrive at competition warped and tied on only, no header woven.
3. Teams provide their own alpaca fleece with which to work. The fleece may be skirted, washed and/or dyed only. No further processing allowed. Each team may have for public display educational information on fiber, the techniques and equipment used. A sample of a completed shawl of the type in competition is encouraged for display.
4. Start time is 10:00 am on Friday, April 27th. Set up may begin between 9:00 and 9:30 am.
5. Each team will have five (5) hours to spin weft and weave a shawl. In order to be judged the shawl must be completely finished by knotting or hemstitching the ends by the end of the time allotted. Points will be deducted if the shawl is shorter than required. Points will be deducted for a shawl not completed and off the loom at 4:00 pm. After 15 minutes past the deadline, the shawl is disqualified from any awards.
6. Shawl requirements are: minimum 20 inches wide in the reeds and 72 inches long without fringe when taken off the loom. The warp must be at least 75% natural fiber, and may be commercial or hand-spun yarn. If hand-spun, a sample of the pre-spun fiber **MUST** be provided at the competition. If dyed, a sample of pre-dyed and dyed fiber must be available. The weft is to be 100% alpaca fiber.
7. Weft yarn will not exceed three (3) times the diameter of the warp yarn.
8. A short, typed description of shawl materials and techniques used (i.e. sett, sources, etc.) must accompany the finished shawl.
9. Wet finishing of the shawl is at the discretion of the team. Teams have until 5:00 pm to wet finish and hand in shawl. Teams supply their own finishing equipment and supplies.
10. Placements will be determined on Friday, April 27th. Judge's decisions are final. Each team will receive a copy of their score with comments by the judges.
11. Finished shawls will be on display until the end of the show Saturday at which time the shawls will be auctioned off.

12. Fifty percent of the auction proceeds will go to benefit the MAPACA Youth Grant Program. The remaining fifty percent will be awarded to the corresponding participating teams.

13. Space for the competition is limited to six teams. Please apply early. Applications must be postmarked by March 15, 2012.

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