
	<p>Alpaca Owners and Breeders Association (AOBA)</p>	
<p>2011 AOBA NATIONAL SHOW National Western Complex May 19-22, 2011</p>		

## 2011 AOBA National Show Fiber Arts and Skein Competitions Guidelines

The 2011 AOBA National Show Fiber Arts and Skein Show and Competition will be a showcase for alpaca fiber. This is the opportunity to display your creative talents and promote the wonderful versatility of alpaca.

**Entries will be judged on site. Mail in entries and on-site drop offs will be accepted.**

### Show Site Check-In

1. All Fiber Arts and Skeins Entry Forms and payment must be received by April 30, 2011 and mailed to the AOBA office.
2. Each entry must be presented at Show Site in its own clear plastic bag with a fully completed "Fiber Arts or Skein Entry Tag" enclosed and visible.
3. All items must be checked in by 8:00 pm on Thursday, May 19, 2011.

### Mail-In

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3. Mail all items, entry forms, payment, and entry tags to the AOBA office.

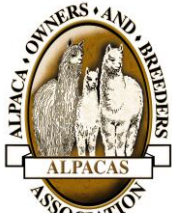

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### RULES: Fiber Arts

1. Entries must be submitted in the name of the artisan
  - A completed entry tag must accompany each item
2. Items must have been completed during the last year.
3. All entries in all classes must consist of a minimum of 50% alpaca fiber.
4. Fiber arts items will be separated by division (beginner, intermediate, and advanced) categories (all handwork – 100% handspun yarns with 100% handmade construction, and or 100% hand felted, partial or non-handwork – use of commercially spun yarn and/or knitting machine construction and less than 100% hand felting), groups (woven, felt, knit, crochet, lace) classes (accessories, garments, hearth & home)
5. Each artisan may enter 1 item per division/category/group/class.
6. Each item must be accompanied by a written description that provides construction details (required but not limited to, fiber preparation, fiber content, techniques used, and intended use)
7. Written descriptions shall not exceed a 3"X5" card and must NOT contain identifying information, including but not limited to alpaca name, individual name or ranch information.
8. 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> place ribbons will be awarded in each category/group/class. Show has the option to award 4th-6th place ribbons.
9. The Judge or Show Superintendent may change the category/class of an item at his/her discretion.
10. Classes may be combined if less than (4) entries per class are received.
11. There shall be no ties in scores.
12. Judges decisions are final.

### RULES: Hand-spun Skein

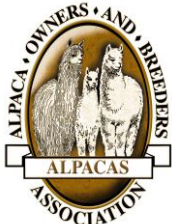

1. Entries must be submitted in the name of the spinner
  - A completed entry tag must be placed in a plain clear zipper type gallon size bag with the skein.

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2. Skeins must have been completed during the last year.
3. Hand-spun skeins will be divided by group (Beginner Spinner, Intermediate Spinner, and Advanced Spinner), category (Yarn spun from commercially prepared fiber, and yarn spun fiber hand prepared), and class (classic yarn, hand spindle, and novelty yarn)
4. Exhibitor may enter 2 skeins per group/category/class provided they are of different fiber preparations.
5. Skeins must be at least (50) yards in length, 1 ½ to 2 yards in circumference, neatly wound, “figure 8” tied in 4 places and placed in a plain zipper type gallon-sized plastic bag.
6. Each item must be accompanied by a written construction description that includes fiber preparation, fiber content, techniques, pattern designer, yarn used, etc. This construction description shall not exceed a 3”x5” card and must not include identifying information.
7. **No substitutions at the show!**
8. Judging Criteria:
  - Items will be judged anonymously with points given for visual appeal (luster/brightness, cleanliness, color, skein appearance), handle, craftsmanship, cohesiveness (amount of twist & execution, appropriate number of plys, diameter of yarn, structurally durable), consistent application technique (dyeing/blending, novelty technique, and plying technique), construction description (yarn suitable for intended use, and fiber preparation techniques).
    - 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> place ribbons will be awarded in each group/category/class. Show has the option to award 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> place ribbons.
  - Classes may be combined if less than (4) entries per class are received.
  - The Judge may change the category/class of an item at his/her discretion.
  - There shall be no ties in scores.
  - Judges decisions are final.

### **RULES: Mill-spun Skein**

1. Mill-spun competition will be divided by categories (skeins entered be a Mill demonstrating their best work, and skeins entered by an individual Farm showing the quality of yarn from their fiber) and classes (finer yarns, light/medium yarns, bulky yarns, novelty yarns)
  2. Entries must be submitted in the name of the Mill or Farm depending on Category.
  3. Skein must have been completed during the last year.
  4. Each exhibitor may enter 2 entries per category/class provided they are from different production runs and/or dye lots.
  5. Skeins must be at least 100 yards in length 1 ½ to 2 yards in circumference, neatly wound, “figure 8” tied in 4 places and placed in a zipper type gallon-size clear plastic bag.
  6. **No substitutions at the show!**
  7. Identifying information or labels on items is prohibited.
  8. Judging Criteria:
    - Items will be judged anonymously with points given for visual appeal (luster/brightness, cleanliness, color, skein appearance), handle, craftsmanship, cohesiveness (amount of twist & execution, appropriate number of plys, uniformity, structural durability), and consistent application technique (dyeing/blending, novelty technique, and plying technique)
    - 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> place ribbons will be awarded in each category/class. Show has the option to award 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> place ribbons.
    - The Judge or Show Superintendent may change the category/class of an item at his/her discretion.
    - Classes may be combined if less than (4) entries per class are received.
    - There shall be no ties in scores
    - Judges decisions are final
- Items must be left on display until Sunday, May 22, 2011 at 12 noon. Pick up is Sunday between 12 noon and 2 pm.
  - NOTE: Written authorization is required for someone other than the Exhibitor to pick up the item.
  - NOTE: **Although every precaution will be taken to handle these items with care, AOBA will not be held responsible for lost or stolen articles.**

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- **Mail Back Instructions:** You may provide a Self Addressed Stamped Envelope or box that adequately fits the article to have your entries **and awards** returned to you following the 2011 AOBA National Show. You, or a representative that you designate, may also pick up the entries after noon (12:00 noon) Sunday, May 22, 2011.
- **Entries not picked up or without adequate postage WILL NOT BE RETURNED!!!**

**Entry fees:**

- \$21 per item in Fiber Arts
- \$16 per item in Hand-Spun Skein Division
- \$26 per item in Mill-Spun Skein Division

Fiber Arts, Hand-Spun Skein and Mill-Spun Skein Class List

**FIBER ARTS**

**Fiber Arts Divisions:**

- A. **Beginner**
  - 1 **Junior – Ages 18 & Younger**
  - 2 **Adult – Over age 18**
- B. **Intermediate**
- C. **Advanced**

**Fiber Arts Categories:**

- A. **All Handwork**
  - 1. 100% handspun yarns with 100% handmade construction
  - 2. 100% hand-felted (may commercially prepared roving)
- B. **Part or Non-Handwork**
  - 1. Use of commercially spun yard and/or knitting-machine made construction
  - 2. Less than 100% hand-felted

**Fiber Arts Groups:**

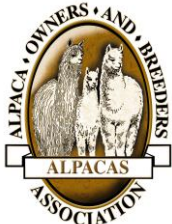

- A. **Woven**
- B. **Felted**
- C. **Knitted**
- D. **Crochet**
- E. **Lace**

**Fiber Arts Classes:**

- A. **Accessories – Any Technique**
  - a. **Gloves, hats, socks, slippers, purses and other small wearable items such as jewelry**
  - b. **Shawls and scarves**
- B. **Garments – Any Techniques**
  - 1. **Sweaters, jackets, dresses, vests or complete outfits**
- C. **Hearth & Home – Any Technique**
  - 1. **Arts and Toys (pictures, wall hangings, statues, etc.)**
  - 2. **Hearth & Home – Home Furnishing (rugs, pillows, afghans, wall hangings, containers, etc.)**

**Hand-Spun Skeins**

**Hand-Spun Skein Divisions:**

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**I. Hand Spun Skeins**

**Hand-Spun Skein Groups**

- A. Beginner Spinner**
  - 1. **Junior – Ages 18 and Younger**
  - 2. **Adult – Over age 18**
- B. Intermediate Spinner**
- C. Advanced Spinner**

**Hand-Spun Skein Categories**

- A.** Yarn spun from commercially prepared fiber (roving, bats, tops etc).
- B.** Yarn spun from fiber hand prepared by the spinner

**Hand-Spun Skein Classes**

- A. Classic Yarns**
  - 1. Singles – 100% Huacaya (natural or dyed)
  - 2. Singles – 100% Suri (natural or dyed)
  - 3. 2 or more ply – 100% Huacaya (natural or dyed)
  - 4. 2 or more ply – 100% Suri (natural or dyed)
  - 5. 2 or more ply – Blends (at least 50% alpaca)
- B.** Hand Spindle Spun – any ply (at least 50% alpaca)
- C.** Novelty Yarn - To qualify as Novelty, the yarn must be spun using a defined technique (Nap, Core, Spiral, Knot, Slub, Boucles, Beaded, etc.), be well constructed, and comprised of at least 50% alpaca)

**Mill-Spun Skeins**

**Mill-Spun Skein Divisions**

**II. Mill Spun Skeins**

**Mill-Spun Skein Categories**

- A.** Skeins entered by Mill demonstrating their best work
- B.** Skeins entered by the individual farm showing the quality of yarn from fiber from their own Alpacas.

**Mill-Spun Classes**

- A. Finer Yarns**
  - 1. Knitting Superfine/Fine Yarn (sock, fingering, baby or sport)
  - 2. Weaving 1200 yards/lb or greater
- B. Light/Medium Yarns**
  - 1. Knitting (DK, Light Worsted, Worsted, Afghan, Aran)
  - 2. Weaving 850 yards/lb – 1199 yards/lb
- C. Bulky Yarns**
  - 1. Knitting Bulky/Super Bulky (Chunky, Craft, Rug, Bulky)
  - 2. Weaving less than 850 yards/lb
- D.** Novelty Yarn – Boucles, Thick & Thin, Beaded, Etc.