

Alpaca Ontario Fibre Arts Competition

2019 Fibre Arts Competition Rules

1. Judging will be conducted on: **April 26th, 2019** at the **West Niagara Agricultural Centre**, 7402 Mud St W, Grassie, ON L0R 1M0 (near Grimsby, ON)
2. **There are two ways to submit entries, both need to be received by March 30th:**
 - **A.** Post your entry fees (cheque payable to Alpaca Ontario), an Exhibit Description Card and entry forms with your exhibits to:
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Embros, ON
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 - **B.** Submit a photo of each entry electronically to carolkharrison@gmail.com. Entry fee can be submitted by e-transfer to Alpaca Ontario. A completed exhibit description card must accompany each submission. These will be printed ready for the actual item which must reach the registration desk of the AO show at West Niagara Agricultural Centre by 9:00a.m. on Friday, April 26th. Items cannot be mailed to the West Niagara Centre since there will be no one to receive them safely.
3. Regardless of which way entries are forwarded, entry fees must accompany each entry by Mar. 30th.

Choose submission method A or B (above) and enter by **Mar. 30, 2018**

4. **Entry Returns:**
You or a designated representative may sign-out and pick up the entries after the AO show on Sunday. If you require your item(s) and award(s) to be returned by post, you must include the appropriate shipping fees as outlined on entry form. They can also be returned COD: please specify.
5. All entries in the Fibre Arts Competition will be eligible for a People's Choice Award. People's Choice will be voted on by the public and will be announced on Sunday, April 28th at 1:00 pm.
6. Hand spinning entries will include the type of yarn:
(Lace/ Fingering/ Sport; Worsted Light/Medium; Chunky/Bulky; Blended; Novelty; and include dye) under "item description".

Fibre Arts Categories (each item must be the work of the exhibitor and must be clean)

1. Hand knitting
2. Hand spinning
3. Crocheting
4. Weaving
5. Felting
6. Novelty

(Ribbons to 1st, 2nd & 3rd places (with monetary prize), Judge's Choice, and People's Choice winners.)

Please note:

- The judge's decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.
- Trims/accessories: These can be used in small quantities to enhance an article. These include: buttons, laces, zippers, metallic yarns, beads, ribbons, etc.
- **Alpaca blends: This show is encouraging the use of alpaca and as such, blends must contain a minimum of 50% Alpaca.**

All classes are open to naturally colored or yarn/fibre which has been dyed.

People's Choice Award

Items entered in the Fibre Arts Competition will be on display during the AO Spring Show. Ballots will be available on the display tables for people to vote for their favorite item. Ribbons will be awarded to the People's Choice Champion and will be announced on Sunday at 1:00 pm.

GENERAL

- Competition is open to everyone.
- No identifying marks (i.e. logos, etc.), pictures, tags or narratives are permitted on or with exhibits.
- Exhibits must have not been shown at a previous Alpaca Ontario Fibre Arts Competition.
- **The prize money is intended for the person who actually made the item.**

Item & prize money pick-up

Items MUST be left on display until Sunday at 1:00 pm. Items can be picked up by the owner or authorized person between 1:00 and 4:00 pm. Items MUST be signed out with the volunteer at the Fibre Arts table. Written authorization is required for someone other than the Exhibitor to pick up the item. If you require your item(s) and award(s) to be returned by post, you must include the appropriate shipping fees or indicate you wish it to be returned by COD.

NOTE: Every effort will be made to provide a secure environment, but Alpaca Ontario cannot be responsible for the loss, safety or any damages of individual items displayed during the Fleece to Fashion Display. We intend to staff the area with volunteers as event monitors.