



July 19th-23rd, 2023
Gallatin County Fairgrounds
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DEPARTMENT 08 - TEXTILES DEPARTMENT

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Three ways to enter:			<u>Deadline</u>
1. Online (preferred) at https://bigskycountrystatefair.fairentry.com			11PM, Saturday, July 15
2. Paper entry form-to Fair Office-No entry fee			5pm Wednesday, July 12
3. Late/Day-of at Check-In			Monday, July 17
Check-In	Monday, July 17	11am-6pm	Exhibit Building 1
Check-Out	Monday, July 24	2pm-7pm	Exhibit Building 2

Premiums & Special Awards

1st Place = \$7, 2nd Place = \$5, 3rd Place = \$3

Ribbon Placings to Third Place (if warranted by judge)

Premiums are paid at Exhibit Building 2 at Check-Out on July 24

Special rosettes and gift card may be awarded for the following:

- Adult Best of Show—\$100
- Adult Reserve Best of Show- \$50
- Youth Best of Show-\$75
- Youth Reserve Best of Show-\$25
- People's Choice Award
- Superintendent's Award

Best of show is defined as that which demonstrates the best technique and skill as determined by the judges.

People's Choice Award— a special rosette ribbon will be award-ed to an entry voted on Wednesday- Saturday of fair by fairgoers and awarded on Sunday.

Superintendent's Award – a special rosette ribbon will be awarded to the entry that merits special recognition by the department superintendent. It does not need to be a placing entry.

General Rules for Textiles:

1. Entries must be the work of the exhibitor.
2. Limit of two (2) entries per class per exhibitor.
3. Kits may be used for crafts, but "KIT" must be specified on the entry tag.
4. Exhibits should be clean and ready for exhibiting or they will not be accepted.
5. Exhibits previously entered in Big Sky Country State Fair (formerly Gallatin County Fair) will not be accepted.
6. Fabric crafts can easily overlap with Creative Arts. If the emphasis for your piece is the artistic quality, enter it in Creative Arts. If the emphasis is the needlework quality, enter it in Textiles. Superintendents can help determine the appropriate department.
7. Articles exhibited and available for sale to the public must have a sale card available through the Department Superintendent. No self-made signage of any kind allowed. No other advertising is allowed in the area. Sale must take place after completion of Fair.
8. Judging will be by qualified needlework judges.

9. The option is reserved to withhold ribbons and awards in a class where there is no deserving entry. Where there is no competition, judges may award first, second, third or nothing, according to the merits of the entry.
10. All exhibits and awards will be checked out on **Monday, July 24th 2pm-7pm.** **This is strictly enforced as there is a check-out process. We want to make sure that each exhibit is going home with the correct owner. Please do not remove anything from the building until Check-Out on Monday.** Any items not picked up on Monday will be transferred to the Fairgrounds Office. Unclaimed static articles will be stored by the Fair for 30 days. Fair is not responsible for unclaimed articles in any way. Unclaimed articles after 30 days become the property of the Fair.
11. All participants in Big Sky Country State Fair are responsible for reading the General Fair Regulations and complying with all policies therein.

What Judges Look For ~ Sewing

- **GENERAL APPEARANCE:** Clean, well pressed outside & inside
- **SUITABILITY OF DESIGN, COLOR & FABRIC:** Type & color of fabric & trim suitable to pattern & use of garment
- **WORKMANSHIP:** Fabric cut on grain, stitches even length & tension, seams even & finished, plaids/stripes matched, finishing techniques correct & neat
- **DIFFICULTY OF PROJECT**

What Judges Look For ~ Crocheting

- **GENERAL APPEARANCE:** Visual impact, presentation, clean, neat & well blocked
- **SUITABILITY OF DESIGN, COLOR, YARN:** Choice of yarn & trim type & color appropriate to pattern & function
- **WORKMANSHIP:** Stitches made correctly, uniform tension, correct gauge, no dropped stitches, blocked as needed, yarn ends joined & woven inconspicuously, construction details well executed, carried yarns neat and not too tight.
- **DIFFICULTY OF PROJECT**

What Judges Look For ~ Knitting

- **GENERAL APPEARANCE:** Visual impact, presentation, clean, neat & well blocked
- **SUITABILITY OF DESIGN, COLOR & YARN:** Choice of yarn & trim type & color appropriate to pattern & function
- **WORKMANSHIP:** Stitches made correctly, uniform tension. correct gauge, no dropped stitches, blocked as needed, yarn ends joined & woven inconspicuously, construction details well executed, carried yarns neat and not too tight
- **DIFFICULTY OF PROJECT**

What Judges Look For ~ Handheld Needle

- **OVERALL APPEARANCE:** All needlework will be judged with regard to beauty, degree of perfection, amount of work and suitability for the purpose for which it is intended. Entry must be neat, clean, properly blocked, finished appropriate to pattern & function (frame, pillow blocking, etc.). If an entry is soiled or there are mistakes in the pattern, it could be disqualified by the judges.
- **SUITABILITY OF DESIGN, COLOR, THREAD/YARN:** Choice & color of thread or yarn, canvas or fabric type, appropriate to pattern & function. Color selection & quality of yarn will NOT be judged.
- **WORKMANSHIP:** Stitches made correctly, tension even (no distortion of hole & fabric), stitches smooth & flat (no twisted threads), backstitching straight & even, no visible carry-overs from reverse side.
- **DIFFICULTY OF PROJECT**

What Judges Look For ~ Hand Woven & Hand Spun Articles

- **OVERALL GENERAL APPEARANCE**
- **SUITABILITY OF FIBER & YARN TO ARTICLE:** Durability, drapability, compatibility of fibers, hand
- **TECHNIQUE:** Gauge set, even tension, perfect execution, no uncorrected mistakes

- **FINISHING:** Blocking, ends, cleanliness, seams, appropriate notions

AGE/ABILITY (*age as of January 1*)

- 01 – Youth 7 Years & Under
- 02 – Youth 8-12 Years
- 03 – Youth 13-17 Years
- 04 – Adult Novice (Little or no experience)
- 05 – Adult Intermediate (Some experience, additional training, no sales, etc.)
- 06 – Adult Advanced (Experienced, award winners, sales, etc)
- 07 – Special Needs (all ages)

DIVISION 1 – SEWING

CLASS

- 01 Sewn Household Item (pillow cases, napkins, pot holders)
- 02 Sewn Adult Clothing
- 03 Sewn Baby/Child Clothing
- 04 Sewn Holiday Crafts (ornament, wreath, wall hanging)
- 05 Sewing/Crafts, other than listed

DIVISION 2 – CROCHETING

CLASS

- 06 Crocheted Household Item (doily, potholder)
- 07 Crocheted Blanket
- 08 Crocheted Adult Clothing
- 09 Crocheted Baby/Child Clothing
- 10 Crocheted, other than listed

DIVISION 3 - KNITTING

CLASS

- 11 Hand Knit Household Item (doily, potholder)
- 12 Hand Knit Blanket
- 13 Hand Knit Adult Clothing
- 14 Hand Knit Baby/Child Clothing
- 15 Hand Knit, other than listed

DIVISION 4 – HANDHELD NEEDLE

CLASS

- 16 Embroidery (Brazilian, etc)
- 17 Needlepoint
- 18 Appliqué
- 19 Cross Stitch
- 20 Beaded Stitchery
- 21 Handheld Needle, other than listed

DIVISION 5 – OTHER TEXTILES

CLASS

- 22 Hand Woven Items
- 23 Hand Spun Items
- 24 Felted Items
- 25 Other Textiles, other than listed