



# 2024 Suri Network's All Suri Fleece Show FIBER ARTS & SKEIN COMPETITION

## GENERAL INFORMATION

- ◆ All entries, in all classes, must consist of 50% or more Suri alpaca fiber.
- ◆ Fiber Art Items/Skeins must have been completed during the last year (July 1, 2023 to July 12, 2024)

## SKEIN COMPETITION

- ◆ Each exhibitor may enter 2 skeins per group/category/class provided they are of different fiber preparations if hand-spun or different production runs &/or dye lots if Mill Spun
- ◆ Entries must be submitted in the name of the Spinner, Mill or Farm depending upon category
- ◆ Hand Spun Skeins must be at least 50 yards in length, Mill Spun Skeins must be at least 100 yards in length, and both must be prepared as following: 1 ½ to 2 yards in circumference, neatly wound, "figure 8" tied in 4 places and placed in a one gallon Ziploc-style plastic bag. Points may be deducted for any skein that is not the correct length.
- ◆ Each Skein must be accompanied by a written construction description requiring, but not limited to, fiber content, techniques used, and intended use of the yarn. The description will be included in the points for judging. It must be less than a 3"x5" index card and cannot include farm identifiers.

## FIBER ARTS COMPETITION

- ◆ Each artisan may enter 1 item per Division/Category/Group/Class
- ◆ Each fiber art item must be accompanied by a written description including, but not limited to, fiber preparation, fiber content, techniques used and intended use. The description will be included in the points for judging. It must be less than a 3"x5" index card and cannot include farm identifiers.

## ENTRY JUDGING

- Items will be judged anonymously with points given for creativity, craftsmanship, handle, visual appeal, appropriate use of fiber and technique, effectiveness, final finish, etc.
- Ribbons will be awarded for top three entries in each division/category/group/class, and one Judge's Choice in Fiber Arts, and one Judge's Choice in Skeins
- Classes may be combined if less than 4 entries per class are received.
- The Judge or Fiber Arts Show Superintendent may change the category/class of an item at his/her discretion.

**NOTE:** To see the complete Show Rules, copy and paste this link into your browser and then click on 2024 AOA Show System Handbook. See Chapter 23, pages 73-78 for Fiber Arts & Skeins.

<https://www.alpacainfo.com/show/handbook>

## ENTRY COST AND PROCEDURES

- ◆ Mailed entries must be received by July 12, 2024
- ◆ If you mail in your entry, correct return shipping must be provided as listed on the entry form. Additional fees may apply for oversized items.
- ◆ Entries delivered personally must be checked in by **Sunday, July 17, 2024.**
- ◆ Entries may be hand delivered to The Show Superintendent at the Boone County Cooperative Extension Campus at 6028 Camp Ernst Road, Burlington, Kentucky 41005

## HAND-SPUN SKEIN GROUPS/CATEGORIES/CLASSES

### Hand-spun Skein Groups:

- A. **Beginner Spinner** Spinning less than 1 year.
  - 1. **Junior-** Ages 18 and Younger.
  - 2. **Adult-** Over age 18.
- B. **Intermediate Spinner** Spinning for more than 1 year
- C. **Advanced Spinner** Spinning for more than 3 years.

### 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 Yarn
  - 1. Singles - 100% Suri.
  - 2. 2 or more ply - 100% Suri (natural or dyed)
  - 3. 2 or more ply— Blends (at least 50% Suri alpaca).
- B. Hand Spindle - Any ply (at least 50% Suri 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% Suri alpaca.

## MILL-SPUN SKEIN CATEGORIES/CLASSES

### 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 their alpaca's fiber.

### Mill-spun Skein Classes:

- A. Finer Yarns - Knitting superfine/fine yarn (Sock, Fingering, Baby, Sport); 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 Yarns - Boucles, Thick & Thin, Beaded, etc.

## FIBER ARTS

### DIVISIONS/CATEGORIES/CLASSES

#### Fiber Arts Divisions:

- A. **Beginner** - Working in Fiber Arts for less than 2 years.
  - 1. **Junior-** Ages 18 and younger.
  - 2. **Adult-** Over age 18.
- B. **Intermediate** - Working in Fiber Arts for more than 2 years.
- C. **Advanced** - Working in Fiber Arts for more than 5 years and/or has submitted to a juried event.

#### Fiber Arts

#### Categories:

- A. **All handwork.** 100% handspun yarns with 100% handmade construction and/or 100% hand-felted. (may use commercially prepared roving)
- B. **Partial or non-handwork.**
  - 1. Use of commercially spun yarn, and/or machine knitted, woven or felted
  - 2. Less than 100% hand felting

#### Fiber Arts Groups:

- A. **Woven**
- B. **Felt**
- C. **Knit**
- D. **Crochet**
- E. **Lace**
- F. **Multiple construction techniques**

#### Fiber Arts Classes:

- A. **Accessories**—any technique
  - 1. Gloves, hats, socks, slippers, purses, and other small wearable items such as jewelry
  - 2. Shawls and scarves
- B. **Garments**—any technique
  - 1. Sweaters, jackets, dresses, vests or complete outfits.
- C. **Hearth & Home**—any technique
  - 1. Art and toys: pictures, figurines, etc.
  - 2. Home furnishings: rugs, pillows, afghans, wall hangings, containers, etc.

**\*PLEASE NOTE:** As is standard Suri Network policy, every effort will be made to provide a secure environment, but the Suri Network cannot be responsible for the safety of individual items displayed in the competition.



# Suri Network's Annual All Suri Fleece Show FIBER ARTS & SKEIN COMPETITION ENTRY FORM

## Contact Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Farm: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

- Please select the class and category that you feel best describes your entry. List each item separately and make sure you include Class and Category designations.

## Hand Spun Skein Competition

Group (A, B, C)	Category (A or B)	Class (A. 1-3, B, C)	Item Description	Date Completed

## Mill Spun Skein Competition

Category (A or B)	Class (A, B 1-2, C 1-2, D)	Item Description	Date Completed



Fiber Arts Competition

Division (A, B, C)	Category (A, B)	Group (A-F)	Class (A 1-2, B, C 1-2)	Item Description	Date Completed

#. Hand Spun Skeins Entered \_\_\_ x \$20\* = \_\_\_\_\_

#. Mill Spun Skeins Entered \_\_\_ x \$20\* = \_\_\_\_\_

#. Fiber Arts Entered \_\_\_ x \$20\* = \_\_\_\_\_

Return Postage if mailed in:

\$12.00 first item, \$6.00 each add'l \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE= \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\* includes \$6 AOA fee

\*\*entries submitted by artists under 18 are FREE.

**Please MAIL entry form, entries  
and check to:**

Suri Network Fleece Show  
c/o Dawn Browning  
703 Fort Hill Road  
Maysville, KY 41056

Mailed entries must be received by  
July 12, 2024

Late arrivals will not be judged.

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**Mail-In Entry Instructions:** Due to the strong interest of Fiber Artists from across the country that wish to participate in the Suri Network's All Suri Fiber Arts and Skein Show but are unable to attend, we are pleased to announce that we will accept mail-in entries.

**ENTRY FORMS, ARTWORK, and PAYMENT must be received no later than July 12, 2024. If you mail artwork or skeins, please hand write "Mail-in Entry" on all forms.** Return Address labels must accompany the mailed-in packages. If you wish your returned artwork to be insured by United Parcel Service, proper prepaid labels must accompany the work. If you have questions or need clarification, please contact our fleece show Superintendent, Dawn Browning, by e-mail at [show.super.browning@gmail.com](mailto:show.super.browning@gmail.com) or by phone at (859) 338-2946 (leave a message).