Suri Network’s 15th Annual
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 (Aug. 8, 2019 to July 11, 2020)

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 2020 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 11, 2020
♦ 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 on Sunday, July 12, 2020 at New Era Fiber, Gallatin, TN.
♦ Entries may be hand delivered to The Show Superintendent at the National Fiber Extravaganza. Please advise in advance.
**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.

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**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.

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*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.*
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.

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#. 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= $_________

Please MAIL entry form, entries and check to:
Suri Network Fleece Show
c/o New Era Fiber
698 Wallace Rd
Gallatin, TN 37066
Mailed entries must be received by July 11, 2020
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 11, 2020. 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, Judy Schroeder, by e-mail at show.super.schroeder@gmail.com or by phone at 540-797-1985.