

SECTION F - WEAVING & SPINNING
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ONLY ONE ENTRY PER PERSON, PER CLASS ALLOWED

PRE-ENTRY DEADLINE IS JULY 31st, 2026

WALK-IN REGISTRATIONS WELCOME

Exhibits must be delivered on, August 23rd, 2026 from 2PM to 8PM, or on August 24th, 2026 from 9AM to 7PM.

HANDWEAVING - RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. **Please read the General Rules for the Home Arts Department, which apply to all Sections.**
2. Name tags or sewn-in labels identifying the weaver must be covered.
3. All exhibits, except those in classes F28 and F29 must be constructed by the weaver.
4. Entries must be woven on a loom (any type), tablet woven or finger-woven. Purchased mesh cannot be used. Items may not be entered in "Handweaving" that are already covered by classes in other sections. **ARTICLES WOVEN ON DOBBY LOOMS MUST BE LABELED AS SUCH, BUT MAY BE ENTERED IN ANY APPROPRIATE CATEGORY.**
5. Items constructed by braiding, knotting or twisting may be entered, but only in those categories listed under "Related Techniques" and "Special Entries"
6. Beadwork by adults must be woven on a loom.
7. **BASIS FOR JUDGING:** Hand-weaving will be judged on the complexity, skill level, accuracy and overall workmanship of the chosen technique, as well as the design and aesthetic appeal of the finished product.
8. **ALL WOVEN ITEMS' FIBERS MUST BE IDENTIFIED ON TAG.**

ADULT CATEGORIES

AWARDS, F1 – F41

1st Place - \$10.00 2nd Place - \$8.00 3rd Place - \$6.00 4th Place- \$4.00

AFGHANS, BLANKETS, COVERLETS

- F1 Afghan, small blanket or lap robe, no larger than 36"x38"
F2 Coverlet, bedspread or large blanket
F3 Baby blanket, crib/carriage cover, no larger than 45"x60"

LENGTHS OF FABRIC

- F4 Suiting, upholstery or drapery, 2 yards or more, specify use

FINISHED GARMENTS

- F5 Tops, vests, shirts, etc.
F6 Woman's skirt or dress
F7 Woman's suit or 2 piece dress, all hand-woven
F8 Child's clothing
F9 Articles wove on frame loom (this category only)
F10 Jacket or blazer

TABLE LINENS, ANY FIBER

- F11 Any table linen sett of 18 e.p.i. or more
F12 Place mats, set of 4
F13 Runner, single mat, over 15" long
F14 Single hand or dishtowel, or breadcloth
F15 Set of 2 towels or bread cloths

RUGS

- F16 Rug, pile weave
F17 Rug, wool, traditional Navajo technique
F18 Rug, flat woven other than Navajo, not twined, any fiber
F19 Rug, twined

MISCELLANEOUS HAND-WOVEN ARTICLES

- F20 Tapestry, any item
F21 Painted warp, ikat or hand dyed, dyed by weaver
F22 Bag or tote
F23 Scarf - chenille, any fiber
F24 Scarf - other than chenille
F25 Stole or shawl
F26 Decorative weaving with sett of 10 e.p.i. or more
F27 Decorative weaving with sett of 9 e.p.i. of fewer
F28 Article woven by entrant and constructed by another
F29 Entry produced by a group
F30 Toys, puppets, games, miniatures, jewelry or fantasy weaving
F31 Pillows
F32 Functional weaving not listed above, i.e., tea cozies, chair seats etc.
F33 Any weaving not listed above
F34 Religious articles

RELATED TECHNIQUES

- F35 Beadwork, any item woven on bead or regular loom
F36 Braid work, any item
F37 Mixed techniques, any item
F38 Macramé – any item

SPECIAL ENTRIES

- F39 Handweaving by adult novice with a year or less of weaving experience
F40 Handweaving by adult first-time Maryland State Fair entrant
F41 Unified team entry –any age (any combination of two or more people with **and** without disabilities)
F42 Special Award - **FAIR USE ONLY – DO NOT ENTER - \$20.00**

CHILDREN & YOUTH CATEGORIES

AWARDS F43 – F48

1st Place - \$7.00 2nd Place - \$6.00 3rd Place - \$5.00 4th Place - \$4.00

- F43 Child's first Maryland State Fair entry
F44 Handweaving by child with a year or less of weaving experience
F45 Handweaving by children under 12, any size article, indicate age and details.
F46 Handweaving by children ages 12-17, indicate age and details
F47 Jewelry by children under 12, no beadwork, woven only
F48 Jewelry by children 12-17, no beadwork, woven only
F49 Special Award – **FAIR USE ONLY – DO NOT ENTER - \$15.00**

**F50
Special Contest**

**Felt a wall hanging to commemorate the 250th birthday
of the United States of America**
No larger than 24"x18"

1st Place 2nd Place 3rd Place
\$23.00 \$18.00 \$11.00

HANDSPINNING -RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. **Please read the General Rules for the Home Arts Department, which apply, to all Sections.**
2. Handspinning is to be completed on a foot or hand-controlled bobbin and flyer or spindle/quill spinning wheel or a drop spindle.
3. Skeins of silk or cashmere should be approximately 2oz., all others should be 2ozs to 4ozs.
4. Skeins must have a circumference of **1 1/2 - 2 yards** and be neatly wound and **tied loosely in at least 3 places using the same or similar yarn.**
5. **All yarn should be washed, blocked, thoroughly dried and re-skeined before being entered.**
6. **SHEEP BREED OR FIBER AND INTENDED USE MUST BE IDENTIFIED ON EACH SKEIN AND ARTICLE. SKEINS NOT IDENTIFIED WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.**
7. Class F73 is the only class that permits commercially spun yarn, filaments or objects, or yarn spun by someone other than entrant, incorporated into skein.
8. Except for Class F80, articles made from Handspun yarns must be constructed by the entrant with yarn spun by the entrant.
9. Machine knit articles from handspun may be entered only in Class F88.
10. Articles in Hand felting classes must be felted as primary means of construction, not knitted, woven or crocheted. Needle felting must be labeled as such.
12. **BASIS FOR JUDGING:** Hand-spinning will be judged on control and consistency of the chosen technique, aesthetic and tactile appeal of the yarn, skein presentation condition, degree of time, skill and creativity represented and their value in relation to use.

HANDSPUN SKEINS

AWARDS F51 – F79

1st Place \$6.00
2nd Place \$5.00
3rd Place \$4.00
4th Place \$3.00

WOOL FIBERS - PREPARED BY SPINNER

F51 Fine – 35 or more WPI, plied or single
 F52 Medium – 12-30 WPI, plied or single
 F53 Bulky – 9 or less WPI, plied or single

WOOL FIBERS - PREPARED COMMERCIALY

F54 Fine, 35 WPI, even singles, blends ok,
 F55 Fine, 35 WPI, even plied, blends ok,
 F56 Medium, 12-30 WPI, even singles or plied, blends ok
 F57 Thick, 12 or less WPI, even singles or plied, blends ok

VEGETABLE FIBERS

F58 Flax, singles or plied, no dressing except water
 F59 Cotton, singles or plied

ANIMAL FIBERS OTHER THAN WOOL (no blends)

F60 Cashmere, singles or plied
 F61 Angora rabbit, singles or plied
 F62 Alpaca, singles or plied
 F63 Camel or llama, singles or plied
 F64 Mohair (Angora goat) singles or plied
 F65 Silk, singles or plied
 F66 Dog hair, singles or plied, indicate breed

MISCELLANEOUS

F67 Any fiber not mentioned above, no blends, plied or singles
 F68 Plies of differing fibers, **NO BLENDS**
 F69 Any commercially blended fibers, singles or plied
 F70 Combination of any fibers blended by spinner, singles
 F71 Combination of any fibers, blended by spinner, plied
 F72 Novelty component other than differing fibers
 F73 Skein created by plying handspun and commercial yarns together
 F74 Dyed by spinner with chemical dyes
 F75 Dyed by spinner with natural materials, specify dye and mordant
 F76 Novice with year or less spinning experience
 F77 First time Maryland State Fair entrant, adult
 F78 Spun by child 12 or under, any size skein
 F79 Youth 13-18, Skein 2+ oz.

HANDSPUN BUNDLED SKEINS AND ARTICLES

AWARDS F80 – F98

1st Place \$10.00
2nd Place \$9.00
3rd Place \$8.00
4th Place \$7.00

CLASSES F83-F100 – PLEASE PROVIDE 1 YARD, NO LESS, SAMPLE OF HANDSPUN YARN

F80 Handspun skeins of identical consistency, one pound or more, to use in any item or project, presented in a basket
 F81 Handspun item made by spinner/knitter or spinner/weaver team of 2 or more persons
 F82 Handspun, hand-woven item
 F83 Handspun, hand-knit or crocheted adult
 F84 Handspun, knit or crocheted adult sweater vest
 F85 Handspun, knit item other than sweater
 F86 Handspun, crocheted item other than sweater
 F87 Handspun item, mixed techniques
 F88 Machine knit handspun item
 F89 Handspun article by child or youth under 18
 F90 Handspun article by novice with a year or less of spinning experience
 F91 Handspun article by first time Maryland State Fair entrant
 F92 Handspun socks
 F93 Handspun child's garment
 F94 Handspun purse or tote
 F95 Handspun article not otherwise listed
 F96 Hand felted embellishment on any article
 F97 Hand felted article, any fiber
 F98 Hand felting by children or youth

SPECIAL AWARDS – FAIR USE ONLY – DO NOT ENTER

F99 Special \$20.00 – Best Handspun Article
 F100 Special \$15.00 – Best Handspun Skein
 F101 Special \$15.00 – Best Child's Entry
 F102 Special \$15.00 - Excellence in Weaving Fine Linens
 F103 Special \$15.00 - Excellence in Finishing
 F104 Special \$15.00 - Best overall weaving
 F105 Special \$15.00 - Most Innovative Use of Color

F106
SPECIAL CONTEST
Weave a Tote Bag with patriotic theme,
including beads, any technique

PRIZES

1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place
\$23.00	\$18.00	\$14.00