

SPUN YARN COMPETITION APPLICATION FORM

Lehigh Valley Fiber Festival

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APPLICATION FORM (ONE APPLICATION PER ENTRY)

COMPETITOR INFORMATION

NAME OF SPINNER		YOUTH/BEGINNER/EXPERIENCED (Choose One)
MAILING ADDRESS		CITY
ADDRESS LINE 2		STATE/ ZIP
PHONE	EMAIL	ENTRY NO (STAFF USE ONLY)

YARN INFORMATION

FIBER CONTENT (APPROX %)	HOW DID YOU PREPARE IT FOR SPINNING
ORIGINAL FORM (RAW/ROVING ETC)	
YARN NATURAL OR DYED WITH?	SPUN ON (WHEEL or SPINDLE)
END USE FOR YARN	SOURCE OF FIBER (if known)

- Lehigh Valley Fiber Festival will make every effort to care for my entry, but assumes no responsibility for its loss or damage.
- I agree that the judge's decisions are final.
- I have read, understood, and agree to the statements in this document.
- The information I have provided in the application is truthful and accurate.
- I acknowledge I have read and understand the rules and descriptions of the competition.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

RULES

Mail in entries in advance of the Festival:

- Skein & entry form may be mailed to the Yarn Competition Coordinator, to arrive no later than September 1, 2023. We recommend you obtain a tracking number for your package. Questions can be emailed to hedge@lvfiberfest.com.
- **Mail to:**

Lehigh Valley Fiber Festival
Yarn Competition Coordinator
Allison Mackenzie
9158 Briar Edge Road
New Tripoli PA 18066
- If you are mailing more than one entry, please place each entry skein, along with its paperwork in a separate bag inside your envelope.
- Please include a pre-paid envelope or mailing label (including tracking and insurance) for returning the entry if you do not plan on picking it up at the festival Sunday, September 24th from 2-3 pm. **ANY MAILED ENTRY WITHOUT A WAY TO RETURN BECOMES PROPERTY OF THE LEHIGH VALLEY FIBER FESTIVAL. WE CONSIDER IT A DONATION AND WILL SELL IT AT THE 2024 EVENT.**
- The Yarn Competition Coordinator and the Lehigh Valley Fiber Festival will not be responsible for any skeins lost in transit.

Walk in entries in advance of the Festival:

- Entries will be accepted Friday, September 22, 2023, from 12 noon-6 pm.
- Prior to submitting your entries, you **MUST** visit the information booth. You then will be directed to where to turn in your entry. Bring your yarn and application form together.
- Judging will begin at 8 am on Saturday September 23rd. When judging is completed, prize ribbons will be hung, and the show will open for People's Choice voting. People's choice voting ends at 1 pm Sunday September 24th.
- Please include a pre-paid envelope or mailing label (including tracking and insurance) for returning the entry if you do not plan on picking it up at the festival Sunday September 24th from 2-3 pm. **ANY ENTRY NOT PICKED UP AND LEFT WITHOUT A WAY TO RETURN BECOMES PROPERTY OF THE LEHIGH VALLEY FIBER FESTIVAL. WE CONSIDER IT A DONATION, AND WILL SELL IT AT THE 2024 EVENT.**

Fees and Prizes:

- Free entry! There is no limit on the number or types of skeins that each spinner may enter
- Winners will be contacted after judging closes (as stated above). Winners can pick up their prizes at the merchandise area inside the Main Hall any time after being contacted.
- Prizes will be a mix of LVFF merchandise and vendor gift certificates.

Entry Requirements:

- An entry shall consist of one skein
- Skeins must be a minimum of 10 yards, maximum 40 yards in length, wound in 1 yard circumference, clean and finished.
- Skeins must be tied in four places with figure-eight ties using the same yarn being shown or yarn that is a similar color. Ties should not contrast with the skein.
- Very important! Include the end use. What could be made using the finished yarn? How could the end product be made (knit, crochet, woven, etc).
- Provide as much information about the yarn as possible. The more the judges know the better your chances at receiving a higher score.

Divisions, Categories, and Classes

Divisions:

- Youth (12 and under)
- Beginner: Novices of any age, new to spinning, or just getting back to the wheel or spindle (1 year or less)
- Experienced: Spinning for more than 1 year

Classes:

Since this is our inaugural competition, we are keeping it simple 😊

- Wool/Wool Blends
- Other Animal Fibers/Silk
- Art Yarn/Novelty/Designer
- Spindle Spun

Judging:

- The judge(s) will award prize ribbons (and possibly prizes!), and entrants will receive feedback to help improve their spinning. Skeins are graded on presentation, technique, quality of spinning, fiber choice for type of yarn spun, and suitability of yarn for finished product. Each area receives a maximum of 20 pts (for a total of 100) with the three highest scores receiving first, second, and third place. People's Choice will be chosen via ballot during the event.
- During judging the judge has the right to combine classes that have very few entries, to divide overly full classes, and to move skeins that would fare better in a more appropriate class. The judge(s) decisions are final.