

SeAA Fleece to Shawl Contest 2010

The contest will take place at the SEAA Southern Select Show, Saturday, March 6, 2010, 10:00 am at the Calsonic Arena, Shelbyville, TN.

Goals: to educate the public and fiber people on the fine qualities of alpaca fiber. To promote the use of alpaca fiber through a competition where teams of four (4) people will spin and weave a shawl with alpaca fiber as the weft.

1. Teams will consist of three (3) spinners and one (1) weaver. An alternate can be named in the event that a team member is not be able to participate. Any team member can spin and/or weave.
2. Teams will provide their own equipment, (i.e. spinning wheels, pre-warped loom, bobbin winders, pickers, and carders). A table and 4 chairs will be provided for each team.
3. Teams will provide their own alpaca fleece with which to work. The fleece can be washed and skirted and/or dyed but no further treatment. Each team may have for public display educational information on fiber, the techniques and equipment used.
4. Start time is 10 am on Saturday, March 6. Set up will start between 8:30 and 9:00 am.
5. Each team will have five (5) hours to spin weft and weave a shawl. In order to be judged the shawl must be completely finished by knotting or hemstitching the ends. Points will be deducted should the shawl be shorter than required. Points will be deducted for a shawl not completed and off the loom on time. After 15 minutes, the shawl is disqualified from any awards.
6. Shawl requirements are as follows: minimum 20 inches wide in the reeds and 72 inches long without fringe when taken off the loom. The warp must be at least 75% natural fiber. The weft is to be 100 % alpaca fiber. A short, typed description of the materials and techniques used must accompany the finished shawl. Finished shawls will be on display until the end of the show Sunday.
7. Dry finishing of the shawl is up to the discretion of the team. Teams have until 4 pm to dry finish. Teams supply their own finishing equipment and supplies.
8. Placements will be determined on Saturday, March 6th. Judge's decisions are final. Each team will receive a copy of their scores with comments by the judges. Shawls may be picked up between 12 and 1 pm on Sunday, March 7 or further arrangements may be made.
9. Entry fee is \$10.00 per team.
10. For applications and information contact Kay Kemp, 931-684-1700, kaykemp@earthlink.net . Applications with fee must be postmarked by Feb. 8, 2010.

Prizes: 1st place \$500.00
2nd place \$250.00
3rd Place \$150.00

Judges: To Be Announced