

SOUTHERN ALPLACA CELEBRATION

FLEECE TO SHAWL COMPETITION

Join us for a fun Fleece to Shawl Competition at the Southern Alpaca Celebration on February 17, 2018. This is an opportunity to show the public the enjoyment of spinning and weaving and working as a team to accomplish the weaving of a beautiful shawl.

This competition is made up of teams of three members who will demonstrate and explain the process of creating a shawl from fleece to woven fabric using traditional methods and equipment. Each team will prepare raw fleece, spin the singles, ply the yarn and weave a shawl in a three-hour time limit.

RULES:

1. Team: Each team will be made up of 2 spinners and 1 weaver. This team should decide on the color scheme and design of the end product.
2. Fleece:
 - **WARP: Any fiber can be used for the warp, but the completed shawl must be at least 50% alpaca fiber.
 - **WEFT: Each team will provide its own alpaca fleece for the weft. The fleece may be washed and/or dyed, but no further processing is allowed. Weft fiber will be prepared for spinning during the contest by teasing, flicking, hand carding, or using non-electric drum carders. Other fibers can be added to the weft fiber as long as the completed shawl is at least 50% alpaca fiber.
3. Each team will provide their own equipment (spinning wheels, pre-warped loom, shuttles, bobbin winder, hand cards, drum carders, flickers, etc.)
4. Hand-spun weft must be plied and will not exceed 3 times diameter of warp.
5. Warp may be handspun or commercial, natural colored or hand dyed) at no fewer than 8 ends per inch. Warp should be tied on to the loom on arrival, with no header woven.
6. Equipment must arrive between 8 am and 9 am and be set up by 9:30.
7. Competition will begin at 10 am on Saturday, February 17, 2018, and end at 2 pm.
8. The completed shawl must be a minimum of 22 inches wide sleyed on the reed. The woven length must be 70" min/76" max long, excluding an optional fringe.
9. Each team will provide a poster detailing:
 - **Team information, names of team members, location of team.
 - **Inspiration: What inspired you to make this particular shawl, color selection/pattern, etc.
 - **Technical information: equipment used, weaving pattern/strategy, fiber used, spinning techniques, fiber processing methods.
10. There is no entry fee.
11. Judging will be done by a certified fiber arts judge.

12. Prizes: Teams will receive appropriate ribbons. 1st Place \$150; 2nd Place \$100; 3rd Place \$50.
Non-monetary prizes, such as alpaca fleece, may be awarded as available.
13. Scoring—a 100 point criteria
- **Team work and display—10 points
 - Team Sign
 - Team attire
 - Team spirit
 - **Education of audience: knowledge of process and interaction with observers – 5 points
 - **Fleece—10 points
 - Choice and Preparation
 - Dyed Warp and/or Weft
 - **Spinning—25 points
 - Uniform preparation, size & type of yarn produced
 - Ability to keep weaver supplied
 - **Weaver—25 points
 - Design
 - Straightness of edges with minimal draw in
 - Evenness of beating
 - Handspun warp
 - No threading or treadling errors
 - **Time—10 points
 - First finish
 - Second finish
 - **Finished Shawl—15 points
 - Aesthetic appeal, including drape, hand and appearance
 - **Bonus points
 - Fringe—5 bonus points
 - **Deductions for measurements outside of standards
 - Length—minus 5 points
 - Width—minus 5 points

How to Enter

Registration will be accepted beginning December 1, 2017.

Please send team name, members' names (indicate the captain or responsible person), address, contact phone number, email addresses of all participants to:

Jane Clark, 8009 Austin Peck Trail, Efland, NC 27243 or email the above information to criblemansurialpaca@gmail.com.

Deadline to enter: February 1, 2018.