

# Taos Wool Festival Fleece Show 2011

We welcome your entries to the 2011 Fleece Show! We've lined up a talented pair of judges: Mike Monell, who will be judging the sheep and goat fleeces, and Andrew MacArthur, who will be judging the alpaca fleeces. For the second year in a row, we are grateful to have Ric Rao as a co-judge assisting the principal judges. We're also very pleased to welcome back two pairs of experienced hands, Laura and Gordon Pierce, who will sort and stage fleeces as they're entered.

**Times:** Bring your entries to the Fleece Show Tent at the Festival between 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM on Saturday, October 1. The Show will be open to the public from the 11 AM judging until closing at 5 PM. Fleeces may be picked up by exhibitors starting at 4:30 PM and must be picked up by no later than 5 PM on Saturday.

**Fees:** \$5 per fleece for everyone, including Wool Festival vendors.

**Entries:** An entry is one fleece. Fleeces must have been grown in Colorado, New Mexico, or Texas. Fleeces must have been shorn after the 2010 contest and represent 12 month's growth or less. Yearling fleeces will be allowed up to 16 month's growth.

**Preparation of Fleeces:** This show is intended for premium quality *handspinning* fleeces. Fleeces must be exhibited untied in a clear plastic bag.

**Labeling:** When you bring your fleeces to the Fleece Show tent, you will fill out a label indicating:

- Sheep: white or colored, and type of fiber (fine, medium, coarse, or heritage breed), along with your name, address, phone and booth number if applicable.
- Goat: type of fiber (mohair, cashmere, or cashgora) and age of animal, along with your name, address, phone and booth number if applicable.
- Alpaca: age of animal, along with your name, address, phone and booth number if applicable.

Personal information will be hidden during judging. No farm/ranch business cards or labels indicating ownership are allowed to be displayed with the fleeces during judging.

**Criteria for Judging:** Fleeces will be judged for soundness, cleanliness, uniformity, and general character typical of high quality animal fiber. Again, this show is intended for premium quality handspinning fleeces. Please be aware that the criteria on which handspinning fleeces are judged are different than those on which fleeces would be judged for commercial spinning or for any other use.

**Wool Divisions and Classes:** There will be two sheep's wool classes:

1. Sheep Fleece, white and naturally colored (everything but white)
2. Sheep Fleece, heritage

Each white and naturally-colored class will be divided into three grades:

1. Fine (60's and finer)
2. Medium (52's to 58's)
3. Coarse (50's and coarser)

The heritage class includes all fleeces having a combination of hair or medulated fiber and wool. Examples of breed fleeces that may fit into this class are Navajo-Churro, Karakul, Shetland, Jacob and some modern breeds derived from crosses of wool breeds and hair sheep (e.g., California Red Sheep). The heritage class will be divided into two styles:

1. White
2. Colored

**Specialty Fiber Classes:** There will be a Fiber Goat class divided into five styles: Mohair-Kid, Mohair-Yearling, Mohair-Adult, Cashmere, and Cashgora. There will be an Alpaca class divided into four grades: Cria, Yearling, Two-Year Old, and Adult.

The classes and grade/styles listed above are based on historical entries at the Fleece Show. The show manager reserves the right to combine classes if the number of entries in any individual class or grade/style is insufficient, to place entries in appropriate classes as necessary, and to sub-divide grades/styles if entries warrant.

**Awards:** Awards will be presented as listed in the table, below, as entries warrant in each grade, style or class. The 2011 awards are based on historical entries. The show manager reserves the right to re-allocate awards as appropriate, if grades/styles or classes are combined or sub-divided as entries warrant.

Grades/Styles	Awards	Classes	Awards	Combined Classes	Awards		
Sheep – white, Fine	1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> place ribbons	Sheep – White & Colored	Grand Champion  Reserve Champion	Sheep	Silver Medallion		
Sheep – white, Medium	1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> place ribbons						
Sheep – white, Coarse	1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> place ribbons						
Sheep – colored, Fine	1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> place ribbons						
Sheep – colored, Medium	1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> place ribbons						
Sheep – colored, Coarse	1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> place ribbons						
Sheep – white, Heritage	1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> place ribbons	Sheep - Heritage	Grand Champion  Reserve Champion	Specialty Fiber	Silver Medallion		
Sheep – colored, Heritage	1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> place ribbons						
Fiber Goat – Mohair Kid	1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> place ribbons	Fiber Goat	Grand Champion  Reserve Champion			Specialty Fiber	Silver Medallion
Fiber Goat – Mohair Yearling	1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> place ribbons						
Fiber Goat – Mohair Adult	1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> place ribbons						
Fiber Goat - Cashmere	1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> place ribbons						
Fiber Goat - Cashgora	1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> place ribbons						
–Alpaca Cria	1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> place ribbons	Alpaca – Cria to Yearling	Grand Champion  Reserve Champion	Specialty Fiber	Silver Medallion		
–Alpaca - Yearling	1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> place ribbons						
Alpaca –Two Year Olds	1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> place ribbons	Alpaca – Two to Adult	Grand Champion  Reserve Champion			Specialty Fiber	Silver Medallion
Alpaca - Adult	1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> place ribbons						

If the judges determine that the quality of a fleece or fleeces entered in the show are not up to the quality standards for the show they may not be eligible for any awards.

**Fleece Sales:** There will be no sales directly from the Fleece Show. Interested buyers will be directed to the exhibitor’s booth. Exhibitors who do not have booths

are not allowed to sell their fleece or indicate that they are for sale while on the show grounds.