

THE CREATIVE CONTAINER CONTEST

As fiber artists, shepherds, and farmers, we all know the usefulness of bags, bowls, buckets, and baskets for storing and transporting our goods and projects. This contest is to see who can come up with the most creative useful container. All containers must be made with at least 50% wool, llama, alpaca, mohair or angora fiber. You may use any technique such as, felting, knitting, crocheting, or weaving. The container should have a card attached answering the following questions:

- What is this container best suited for?
- What fiber is the container made from?
- Did you spin/dye/felt the fiber?
- Is this an original design? What source did the design come from?
- Briefly describe the process used to make the container.

This information will make each item a learning experience for the visitors to the festival. Separately attach a 3x5 card with your name, address and telephone number. Fold in half with information on the inside and attach it securely to the item. If you are sending a package, it **MUST** contain a mailer with stamps for return postage or be picked up at 3pm on Sunday. All entries must be signed in on Saturday morning and signed out when picked up.

FELTING CONTEST

For those of you who enjoy creating wonderful articles from needle felting, nuno felting, or wet felting, this category is for YOU! All entries must be made from 50% wool, llama, alpaca, mohair, or angora fiber. Entries may include figurines, dolls, ornaments, accessories, or articles of clothing. The article should have a card attached answering the following questions:

- What fiber is the article made from?
- What techniques did you use to make the article?
- Is this an original design? What source did the design come from?
- Briefly describe the process used to make the item.

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Address for sending entries:
Kim Goodling
1638 Scales Hill Rd
Washington, VT 05675

**ALL ENTRIES FOR THE CONTESTS MAY BE DELIVERED
BETWEEN 9 AND 10 AM ON SATURDAY MORNING.**

HANDSPUN YARN CONTEST

HANDSPUN YARN (sheep wool)	HANDSPUN YARN (other animal fibers)	HANDSPUN NOVELTY YARNS (at least 50% animal fibers)
3 Categories	3 Categories	
SPORT WEIGHT	SPORT WEIGHT	
DK AND WORSTED WT	DK AND WORSTED WT	
BULKY	BULKY	

For each entry, put the contest category and your age category on one side of a 3 by 5 card. Put your name, address, phone number and email on the other side. Fold the card with the name side in and attach securely to the entry.

SKEIN & FLEECE COMPETITION RULES

1. A maximum of two entries per category will be accepted from each entrant.
2. Competitions are restricted to animal fibers only, unless otherwise stated.
3. Work must have been completed since the 2006 Vermont festival
4. Each handspun skein must contain a minimum of 2 oz. of handspun fiber for bulky & dk or worsted, 1 oz. for sport weight. Each skein must be 1 1/2 to 2 yards in circumference, wound neatly and tied in at least 3 places. Failure to do so will disqualify the skein from being judged.
5. Skeins will be judged on consistency of spinning and plying, appropriate hand and overall quality.
6. The judges reserve the right to reassign entries to a more appropriate category.
7. The judges' decisions are final.
8. Each entry must be accompanied by a 3x5 card, folded in half and taped closed. On the inside PRINT CLEARLY: Entrant's Name, Address, Telephone Number and email. On the outside PRINT CLEARLY: Contest Category and Age Category (Adult or Youth). Youth is 18 years old or younger on September 8, 2007.
9. Entries may also be mailed, to be received no later than August 15, 2007. Mail to: Kim Goodling, 1638 Scales Hill Rd, Washington, VT 05675. All mailed entries must be accompanied by all required forms and fees.
10. All entries must be displayed until 3:00 pm on Sunday, September 9, 2007. Entries removed before this time will forfeit any awards or premiums earned. Contestants must make their own arrangements for items to be picked up between 3:00 and 4:00 pm on Sunday, September 9, 2007. *Entries will be returned by mail upon request if a self addressed and stamped mailer is included in the entry.
11. The Vermont Sheep & Wool Festival Committee will make every effort to display and care for show entries, but assumes no responsibility in the event of damage or loss of entries.
12. All judging will take place Saturday morning, September 8, 2007 and should be completed before 12:00 noon. Contest area will be closed to spectators during this time.
13. ENTRY FEES: \$2.00 per item. Checks made payable to: VSGA.

COMPETITION PREMIUMS

Ribbons will be awarded to first, second & third place winners in each Division Class.

Cash Premiums, offered by Vermont Sheep and Goat Association, will be awarded to

First and Second Place winners for each Division Class.

Adult entries	First Place - \$6.00	Second Place - \$4.00
Youth entries	First Place - \$4.00	Second Place - \$2.00

Best skein award by Northeast Handspinner's Association (NHA)

FLEECE CONTEST

WHITE WOOL FLEECE - 3 Categories: FINE - MEDIUM - LONG

COLORED WOOL FLEECE - 3 Categories: FINE - MEDIUM - LONG

ALPACA FLEECE - 2 Categories: UP TO 24 MONTHS, OVER 24 MONTHS

LLAMA SINGLE COAT - 2 Categories: UP TO 24 MONTHS, OVER 24 MONTHS

LLAMA DOUBLE COAT - 2 Categories: UP TO 24 MONTHS, OVER 24 MONTHS

Wool fleece should be rolled neck side out, in a large clear plastic bag.

For each fleece, put the age of sheep, llama, or alpaca, breed, weight of fleece, date shorn, and your age category on one side of a 3 by 5 card. On the other side, put your name, address, phone number and email. Fold card with the name side in and attach to the fleece.

*** VSGA WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR SELLING FLEECES ***
IF YOU WISH THE FLEECE TO BE FOR SALE,
ATTACH A SEPARATE CARD WITH A PRICE ON IT AND CONTACT INFO.

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Ongoing Demonstrations in Ware Building

Children with adult supervision welcome!

Weaving with Sue Smith

Drop In & Spin with Amy Bergamo & Friends

Wet Rug Felting and Needle Felting with Llama Fiber
with Jan Stuart, June Taylor, & Judie Jerger all day Sunday.

Drop In & Knit with Marjorie Moureau
Saturday and Sunday 11-3

CREATIVE CONTAINER, FELTING & FLEECE CONTEST ENTRY FORM

NAME _____ (circle) ADULT / YOUTH

ADDRESS _____ AGE: (YOUTH, up to 18) _____

EMAILADDRESS _____

CREATIVE CONTAINER CONTEST _____ No. of Entries @ \$2.00 ea. \$ _____

FELTING CONTEST _____ No. of Entries @ \$2.00 ea. \$ _____

HANDSPUN YARN CONTEST _____ No. of Skeins @ \$2.00 ea. \$ _____

WOOL FLEECE SHOW _____ No. of Fleece @ \$2.00 ea. \$ _____

LLAMA & ALPACA FLEECE _____ No. of Fleece @ \$2.00 ea. \$ _____

(Limit 2 entries per person per category)

Total Number of Entries _____ x \$2.00 each = Total Entry Fee: \$ _____

Entries mailed must be received no later than August 15, 2006.

Mail to: Kim Goodling, 1638 Scales Hill Rd, Washington, VT 05675.

All mailed entries must be accompanied by all required forms and fees.

Make check payable to VSGA

Please retain a copy of this form for your records

YOUTH SHOW ENTRY FORM

Name of exhibitor: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____

Town: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Breed of sheep: _____ T-shirt size: _____

Classes: Ewe lamb _____ Ram lamb _____ Yearling ewe _____ Aged ewe _____

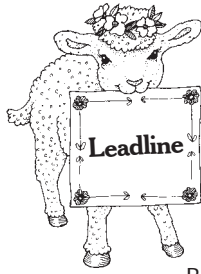
Leadline _____ Costume Class _____

Fitting and Showmanship Classes: Novice (8 yrs or younger) _____ Junior (9-13) _____

Senior (14-18) _____

Leadline and Costume description: Please use a separate 4x6 card for a two-minute commentary that describes the participant and the outfit. Commentary is to be turned in by 4 pm on September 8, 2007. Entry forms must be received by September 1, 2007.

Mail registration forms to: Marlee Mason
258 Beaver Brook Rd.
Pawlet, VT 05761
(802) 325-6389 • huckleberry@vermontel.net



Eleventh Annual Festival Youth Show

Saturday, September 8th
Sunday, September 9th



Sponsored in part by:

Bates Farm Home & Garden

Blue Seal Feed of Brandon

Blue Seal Feed in Richford

Fairlee Feed and Saddlery

Garland's Agway

Stitchy Women

West Lebanon Supply

The VSGA is once again offering a youth sheep show. The sheep are first judged according to breed standards then by fitting and showmanship. The sheep shall be in their pens by 9:30 Saturday morning and have a sign identifying the owner, breed, age and class of sheep.

In Breed there will be four categories the sheep may be shown in. They are:

Ewe Lamb — A lamb that was born after September , 2006

Ram Lamb — A lamb born after September 8, 2006

Yearling Ewe — A sheep born between September 8, 2005 and September 8, 2006

Aged Ewe — A sheep 2 years or older

In Fitting and Showmanship the classes are:

Novice — exhibitor 8 years old or younger

Junior — 9-13 years old

Senior — 14-18 years old

The youth show will begin on Saturday at 12:30 on the green. If the weather is inclement the shows will be held in the indoor ring. The three shows will be consecutive.

On Sunday there will be a lead line and costume class to be held starting at 12:00 Noon.

Lead line class - The entrants will model clothing made from wool while leading a well-behaved sheep. Extra points are awarded if the entrant made the outfit, and if it was hand-knit, hand-woven, or made from handspun yarn. Each participant will use a 4x6 card for a two minute commentary that must be turned in by Saturday evening at 4:00 P.M.

Costume class - Shepherds and sheep are to be dressed up in costume depicting a scene (historical, ethnic, custom, joke, beauty, etc.). Once again a 4x6 card with commentary on it must be turned in by 4:00 P.M. on Saturday.

Informational poster contest - Exhibitors are invited to create a poster to inform festival goers about their sheep project, sheep care, different sheep breeds, or products of sheep. Posters are due when sheep are signed in (9:30 A.M. Saturday). Ribbons will be awarded after judging.

Youth show participants must be 18 years of age or younger on September 8, 2007.

Sheep brought in on Saturday morning will be checked by the vet at the festival. All sheep must have current rabies vaccination certificates and a Federal Scrapie tag. Registration forms must be received by Marlee Mason by September 1st, 2007. Late entries will not receive a T-shirt. Sheep may leave the festival at 3:30 P.M. on Sunday.

Show Superintendent:

Marlee Mason

258 Beaver Brook Rd., Pawlet, VT 05761

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Animal Pen Rental Agreement and Application

Please read the following carefully, sign and return to **Betty Berlenbach, 1961 Plains Road, Perkinsville, Vt. 05151**, with a check for the appropriate amount.

You are invited to bring sheep, goats, and camelids to the festival to both educate people about the diversity of these animals, AND to sell them. Nothing but animals may be sold from your pen space. If you want to sell fleece or goods or other things, you need a vendor space.

Because of space limitations and traffic flow problems, you may not sit in front of your pen space. Vendors with pen space can sit in their vendor space. People just renting pens will need to also rent a small display space large enough for chair and spinning wheel or some such.

There will be someone at the Expo from 12 noon on Friday until 8 p.m. Friday night to admit and help unload animals WITH HEALTH CERTIFICATES. Instate animals without health certificates will need to be inspected by our vet Saturday a.m. All vehicles will be removed from the festival area into the specified parking area by 9 a.m. Saturday and Sunday mornings, per CVE regulations.

All people bringing animals will come with the proper health papers and will, to the best of their ability, examine their own animals before loading them on their trucks, to make sure they see no evidence of ill health or problems with the animals they are bringing.

You will also need to bring buckets for feed and water, hay, grain (if you use it) and bedding, and will be responsible for cleaning up at the end of the festival. All animals should be out of the barn and building by 5:30 p.m. on Sunday.

For our part: We will provide what we believe are two excellent choices of housing. We will do all in our power to separate the OPP checked negative and voluntary scrapie program sheep from those not in these programs. We will be in the barn all day, keeping watch over your flocks by day and night, will do all in our power to keep unhealthy animals from unloading. We will allow you to sell your animals by private treaty. Sold animals should remain in the pens until Sunday at the end of the festival except by special permission. And under no circumstances, may cars, trucks, and trailers be driven onto the grounds during festival hours to load or unload animals. We will keep all people other than owners away from the animals from 6 p.m. until 6 a.m., so that the animals get a well deserved break from crowds. We will water the animals and check them frequently during the night.

ABSOLUTELY NO DOGS WILL BE ALLOWED ON FESTIVAL GROUNDS, PER OUR RULES AND CVE REGULATIONS.

Disclaimer: The VSGA and Champlain Valley Exposition shall not be liable for any injury or damage to any person, animal, or property resulting from any cause whatsoever, whether occurring on or off the premises. In the event of a private treaty sale, the following disclaimer applies: The VSGA and Champlain Valley Exposition act as neither producer's or buyer's agent, and while striving to attract quality animals, make no warranties, express or implied, as to the quality, fitness, health or condition of any animal and buyer's sole remedy shall be against the producer.

Please fill out, sign, and date the enclosed pen application form. If you are giving your own rabies shots, please bring the enclosed form with you to the festival.

**Vermont Sheep and Wool Festival
Pen Rental Application
For this year's festival
September 8 and 9, 2007**

Please understand that all sheep and other animals coming to the festival need the proper tags. For sheep that means mandatory or volunteer scrapie tags. They also need rabies shots. (You may administer these yourself, but please 30 days before the festival, and document serum, dose, date given, scrapie tag numbers of those vaccinated. To cover yourself, it would be good to have someone witness these proceedings and have them countersign your statement, which statement you should bring with you to the festival. OR, you can just have your vet do these shots.) AND, they will need health papers from the vet done within 10 days of the festival. (If you wish, you can have our vet examine your animals Saturday a.m., but if you choose this method, you need to understand that our decision is final: if we deem your animals unhealthy, you may not unload them. And that means you may not unload your animals Friday night. There is a modest charge for this service.) Please do not bring unhealthy animals to the festival.

Name _____

Animals being brought _____

Breed (if applicable) _____

Number of pens requested: _____

Farm Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Amt. Paid _____ Check # _____

Email _____

(Sheep, goats, camelids: pens for sheep and goats are provided and are 5 x 5, which hold 2 or 3 animals, depending on size. Camelid owners will have to bring their own pen panels. Sheep and goat pens are \$10 per 5 x 5 pen; camelid pens are \$40 for 10 x 10 space, which is four times the area of a 5 x 5 space.

*Please send this form with the appropriate check made out to **VSGA** to:
Betty Berlenbach, 1961 Plains Rd., Perkinsville, Vt. 05151
Applications postmarked later than August 1 should include a \$15 late charge.*

Animal Breed Display

It has been the practice of the VSGA Sheep and Wool Festival to offer a breed display at the Festival. Displaying the breeds enables those considering purchasing animals to see many sheep and goats in the flesh (fleece?), to talk with their breeders about characteristics and to assist in making a good decision about the type of sheep or goat that is right for the buyer. It also educates the public, so that they come away with a new understanding of the diversity of sheep and goat breeds in Vermont. It provides a place for breeders to sell their animals and for potential breeders to buy animals. Fiber artists have an opportunity to see the fibers they regularly work with right on the sheep or goat, connecting them to the animals in their minds, which can inspire their work. In addition, other species of fiber animals such as llamas, alpacas, angora (mohair) goats and angora rabbits may be seen as part of the display.

RABIES FORM

I, _____ (print name),
of _____ (farm name),
do hereby certify that I have given the following rabies vaccine,
_____ (specify brand name),
_____ (dosage), _____ (serial number on bottle),
on _____ (date), to the following list of sheep or goats:

Name	Breed	ID number	Gender	Age
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Signature _____ Date _____

Witness statement: I witnessed the above and attest to it by my signature:

_____ Date _____

Schedule ~ Saturday, September 8

9:00 – 10:00	Accepting Contest Entries
10:00 – 4:00	Drop in and Spin <i>Beginners Welcome</i>
10:30	Sheep Shearing Demonstration <i>Jim McRae</i>
11:00	Llama Obstacle Course <i>Lleaping Llamas 4-H Club of Ferrisburg, VT</i>
12:00 – 5:00	Contest Exhibit Open for Viewing
12:00	Border Collie Herding Demonstration <i>Jim McRae</i>
12:30 - 5:00	Youth Sheep Show Breed, Fitting and Showmanship classes <i>Marlee Mason</i>
1:00	Sheep Shearing Demonstration <i>Jim McRae</i>
1:00	Llama Obstacle Course <i>Lleaping Llamas 4-H Club of Ferrisburg, VT</i>
2:30	Border Collie Herding Demonstration <i>Jim McRae</i>
3:30	Sheep Shearing Demonstration <i>Jim McRae</i>
4:00	Llama Obstacle Course <i>Lleaping Llamas 4-H Club of Ferrisburg, VT</i>

Schedule ~ Sunday, September 9

10:00 – 3:00	Contest Exhibit Open for Viewing
10:00 – 3:00	Drop in and Spin <i>Beginners Welcome</i>
10:00 - 3:00	Youth Sheep Show Leadline and Costume class <i>Marlee Mason</i>
10:30	Sheep Shearing Demonstration <i>Jim McRae</i>
11:00	Llama Obstacle Course <i>Leaping Llamas 4-H Club of Ferrisburg, VT</i>
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3:00 - 4:00	Contest Entries Available for Pick-up