

Florida Tropical Weavers Guild Fiber Exhibit Rules of Entry

1. The Fiber Exhibit is open only to current members of the Florida Tropical Weavers Guild (FTWG). Every contributor in the collaborative category must be a member of FTWG and must be named. Members may not enter more than four (4) entries.
2. FTWG members who are teaching a workshop (not a pre-conference mini-workshop) are excluded from entering the Fiber Exhibit in the area that they are teaching at the current year's conference.
3. FTWG members, not attending the Conference, are eligible to enter items to be judged for a fee of \$10.00 per item to help cover the cost of judging and mounting the exhibit. It is the member's responsibility to make arrangements for these items to be delivered and pick-up to the fiber exhibit. Checks should be made payable to FTWG.
4. The Fiber Exhibit is for judged items only. The project must have been completed within the last two years and not previously entered in the same category. Entries must be original works by the entrants and not from a kit. Entries must be attributed to all sources unless they are a totally original design
5. The member is responsible for initial assignment of a category for judging. The fiber exhibit committee has the responsibility to assure that the item is placed in the proper category according to the rules.
6. FTWG is not responsible for loss or damage to items. Entrants will sign a release to that effect.
7. Garments will be judged on and off the body for fit and finishing.
8. All garments entered in the Fiber Exhibit must be modeled in the Fashion Show.
9. Participants may enter wearables in the Fashion Show if they want them to be viewed on the human form and not have them as part of the judging process. These pieces will not be shown in the Fiber Exhibit.
10. Registration for all items will be at the times designated on the Fiber Exhibit Instruction Form.
11. All items must be picked up at the appointed time specified in the application instructions by the member or their designate. Items not picked up will be returned C.O.D.
12. Judging will be conducted by a person(s) with expertise in weaving, basketry, spinning, related arts and/or mixed media.
13. Each entry will be judged by five (5) criteria. Each of these criteria will be worth up to five (5) points: one point being "poor", 5 points being "excellent". The total points for each entry will be tallied and placement for awards determined by the total for each entry. The highest number of points awarded for any entry will be twenty-five (25). Judges' personal preference will break ties.
14. The judging criteria for all categories except spinning are:
 - a. Design and color: interest, proportion, shape, and color.
 - b. Fiber/Structure/Material: suitable for design, structure and purpose.
 - c. Finishing: quality of finishing technique, appropriateness for design, structure and fiber.
 - d. Craftsmanship: Technical execution.
 - e. Originality: The "wow" factor.
- The judging criteria for spinning are:
 - a. Consistency of yarn throughout the skein.
 - b. Evenness of ply (if applicable).
 - c. Twist per inch suitable for fiber used.
 - d. Appropriate for intended use.
 - e. Craftsmanship: technical execution.
15. Category requirements are described in the document, "Fiber Exhibit Categories".
16. The committee reserves the right of final interpretation of these rules.
17. The judges may award first place, second place and honorable mention in each category. Due to the nature of awards, there can only be one First Place, one Second Place and two Honorable Mentions per category. The judge has the authority not to give an award in a specific category. All awards are given at the discretion of the judges. The judges' decisions are final.
18. A judging form will be filled out for each piece and the completed evaluation returned to the exhibitor.