



## Convergence® Skein Competition and Exhibit

**Skein Competition and Exhibit, sponsored by *The Natural Twist, LLC*, is a spinning competition with the entered and judged works on display throughout the 4-day Convergence® Marketplace.**

**Dates:** July 24 – 27, 2020 to be held at the Knoxville Convention Center, Knoxville, Tennessee.

**Judge(s):** TBA

<b>Eligibility</b>	All work must be the creation of the participant alone, clean and odor-free and must have been completed within the past two years.
<b>Skein Submission Guidelines</b>	<p>All skeins should weigh 2 ounces minimum (or, if finer than 20 wpi, contain at least 40 yards), and be neatly wound to a circumference of 1.5 to 2 yards, with both ends of the skein tied together. Skeins may be either natural colored or dyed.</p> <p>Skeins should be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• secured in at least four places using figure eight ties and yarn that matches the skein</li> <li>• washed to set the twist</li> </ul> <p>Attach a removable 3" x 5" card label with your entry information on each skein: (1) Your Name, (2) Category, (3) Fiber Content, (4) Grist, (5) Fiber Preparation, (6) Description of Techniques Used, and (7) Intended Use.</p>
<b>Skein Entry Categories</b>	<p>Skeins may be entered into any of the following categories:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Singles yarn (100% wool)</li> <li>• Multi-ply yarn (100% wool)</li> <li>• Novelty yarn (any fiber)</li> <li>• Animal blend fibers (no more than 50% wool)</li> <li>• Non-animal fibers</li> </ul>
<b>Entry Procedure</b>	<p>Participants must submit a registration form via <a href="http://www.WeaveSpinDye.org">www.WeaveSpinDye.org</a> and remit entry fee by July 8, 2020 to enter the competition.</p> <p>Entries that have not been submitted by July 8, 2020 will not be accepted for the competition.</p> <p>You must complete a registration form for each separate entry.</p>
<b>Entry Fees</b>	<p>\$3 per skein for HGA members. \$5 per skein for non-members.</p>
<b>Presentation of Work</b>	All skeins must be sent ready to show and exhibit.

	All skeins must remain on display until the conclusion of the exhibit in the Marketplace.
<b>Shipping</b>	<p>Entered skeins must be mailed to the HGA office and received by July 10, 2020. Work should be well packed and shipped in a reusable container. Artists must pay all shipping and insurance costs. No hand delivery of skeins will be allowed. Return pre-paid postage and return mailing address must be included with your submission to the HGA office.</p> <p>Mailing Address: Handweavers Guild of America, Inc. 1255 Buford Highway, Suite 209 Suwanee, GA 30024</p> <p>If arranged in advance, items may be available for pickup at the HGA Registration Desk at the Knoxville Convention Center on Tuesday, July 28, 2020. Only the participant or a third party designated by the participant may pick up the items.</p>
<b>Exhibit</b>	All entries will be displayed in the Convergence® Marketplace on Friday, July 24 – Monday, July 27, 2020.
<b>Judging</b>	<p>Judging criteria for skeins will include overall appearance (draft control, appropriate grist for fiber, finishing); singles (integrity, uniformity, appropriate twist); plying (consistency, balance); dyeing/blending; appropriate presentation; and appropriateness for intended use.</p> <p>The judge reserves the right to combine or divide categories at will, move a skein to a more appropriate category without penalty to the participant and/or disqualify a skein that doesn't follow the rules set forth. The judge's decisions are final. Entry fees will not be refunded for disqualified skeins.</p> <p>Judge will select first, second, and third place per category.</p>
<b>Award Presentation</b>	<p>Judging will take place on Friday, July 24, 2020. Award winners will be announced during the <i>Seasons of the Smokies</i> Fashion Show &amp; Dinner the evening of Friday, July 24, 2020.</p> <p><u>Award Prizes (for each category):</u>  \$15 First Place  \$10 Second Place  \$ 5 Third Place</p>
<b>Liability</b>	HGA will make every effort to secure and supervise entered items but assumes no responsibility for damage or loss. It is the responsibility of the participant to insure entries, if desired.

**For Questions:**

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