

## Fiber Arts

New Location – Floral Hall

Superintendent: Rachel LaForge

Fair Website:

<http://www.olmstedcountyfair.com/open-class/>

### Important Dates

**Pre- Entry Due Date:** Wed, July 22, 2026

Due to Fair Office by mail or on-line

**Entry Day:** Friday, July 24, 2026

11:00am to 6:00pm

Horticulture/Domestic Activities Bldg.

**Release Day:** Sunday, Aug 2, 2026

4:00 – 6:00pm

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### New for 2026

#### **Premium Book revisions for 2026**

Please read all Rules below and Instructions on the Pre-Entry Form.

Many of the “Lots” within the Departments have been combined, read them carefully. To compensate for less lots, the number of entries per lot has been increased to 4 for each exhibitor.

“Class” is divided by age groups. The lots are the same for each age group. Entries will be judged within the same Class and Lot group.

Premiums are the same for all departments and lots.

Contact Kaye Johnson, Superintendent, for Creative Activities exhibit questions or go to the fair website using the contact information above.

### Fiber Arts

1. Any resident of Minnesota can enter an exhibit.
2. An exhibitor may have 4 entries per lot.
3. An entry must be made by the exhibitor within the last 3 years.
4. An exhibit must not have been previously entered at an Olmsted County Fair.
5. Bring sewn and quilted garments on a hanger.
6. Pre-Entry using the designated form and sending it by mail or email is preferred.
7. Exhibits that were not pre-entered will be accepted on Entry Day.
8. Exhibits and checks not picked up by 6:00pm on Release Day will be taken to Fair Office. Contact Fair Office at 507-282-9862 or Fair Website at [www.olmstedcountyfair.com](http://www.olmstedcountyfair.com) to arrange pick up.

## Department 19 – Weaving and Rugs

**Class 110 – Junior** – 18 years old and younger

**Class 120 – Adult** – 19+ years old

**Class 130 – Senior Citizen** – 65+ years old

**Class 140 – Exceptional Citizen** – Exhibitor lives at home, in a group home or nursing home. Special needs people of all ages.

#### **4 Entries Per Lot**

**Premiums:** 1<sup>st</sup> - \$4.00 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$3.00 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$2.00

### WEAVING

#### **Lot No.**

- 1 Wearable item
- 2 Non-wearable item (see below for rugs)
- 3 Unspecified – describe on entry tag

### RUGS

#### **Lot No.**

- 4 Woven
- 5 Latch Hook
- 6 Hooked
- 7 Unspecified – describe on entry tag

### RUG SWEEPSTAKES

All Classes in Rug Lots 4 - 7 are eligible.  
The RUG SWEEPSTAKES WINNER is chosen from all regular size rugs (approx. 2'x3' to 3'x5') and is eligible to represent Olmsted County in the Rug Sweepstakes at the MN State Fair.

## Department 33 – Yarn, Roving and Dye

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### CROCHET

#### **Lot No.**

- 1 Baby Afghan – One color
- 2 Lap Afghan – One color
- 3 Large Afghan – One color
- 4 Baby Afghan – Two or more colors
- 5 Lap Afghan – Two or more colors
- 6 Large Afghan – Two or more colors
- 7 Clothing for Child up to 10 years old
- 8 Clothing for Youth ages 11 to 18
- 9 Clothing for Adults ages 19+
- 10 Accessories – Scarves, cowls, neckwear

- 11 Accessories – Fingerless gloves, mittens, handwear
- 12 Accessories – Hats, head warmers, headwear
- 13 Accessories – Socks and slippers
- 14 Accessories – Other wearables
- 15 Toy, book, doll clothes
- 16 Household furnishing
- 17 Holiday item
- 18 Unspecified – describe on entry tag

## **KNITTING**

### **Knitting with Needles**

- Lot No.**
- 19 Clothing for Child up to 10 years old
  - 20 Clothing for Youth ages 11 to 18
  - 21 Clothing for Adults ages 19+ - other than sweaters
  - 22 Adult sweaters
  - 23 Adult cardigans
  - 24 Accessories – Scarves, cowls, neckwear
  - 25 Accessories – Fingerless gloves, gloves, mittens, handwear
  - 26 Accessories – Hats, head warmers, headwear
  - 27 Accessories – Socks and slippers
  - 28 Accessories – Other wearables
  - 29 Toys books – doll cloths
  - 30 Household furnishing
  - 31 Any knit item using yarn spun by exhibitor – Attach 3” sample of each yarn used. Entry judged on quality of yarn and quality of knitting.
  - 32 Unspecified – describe on entry tag

### **Machine Knitting**

- Lot No.**
- 33 Clothing for Child up to 10 years old
  - 34 Clothing for Youth ages 11 to 18
  - 35 Clothing for Adults ages 19+
  - 36 Toy
  - 37 Afghan or blanket of any size
  - 38 Any machine knit item using yarn spun by exhibitor – Attach 3” sample of each yarn used. Entry judged on quality of yarn and quality of knitting.
  - 39 Unspecified – describe on entry tag

### **Finger or Arm Knitting**

- Lot No.**
- 40 Scarves
  - 41 Baby or lap blanket
  - 42 Large blanket
  - 43 Unspecified – describe on entry tag

### **Loom Knitting**

- Lot No.**
- 44 Wearable item
  - 45 Afghan or blanket of any size
  - 46 Household furnishing
  - 47 Unspecified – describe on entry page

## **SPINNING**

Skein of 10 yards handspun yarn. Attach a card to each entry stating fiber, method of spinning, etc.

- Lot No.**
- 48 Skein of smooth and even textured hand-spun yarn from animal fibers such as wool, alpaca, mohair, etc.
  - 49 Skein of smooth and even textured hand-spun yarn from man-made or plant fibers such as Rayon, silk, soy, bamboo, etc.
  - 50 Skein of novelty (lumpy, bumpy, boucle or textured) hand-spun yarn from animal fibers such as wool, alpaca, mohair, etc.
  - 51 Skein of novelty (lumpy, bumpy, boucle or textured) hand-spun yarn from man-made or plant fibers such as Rayon, silk, soy, bamboo, etc.
  - 52 Unspecified – describe on entry tag

## **DYE YARN OR FABRIC**

Skein of 10 yards handspun or purchased yarn. Attach a card to each entry (yarn and fabric) stating fiber, dye used, and method of dyeing.

- Lot No.**
- 53 Naturally dyed skein of yarn. Dyed by exhibitor with plant or insect dye material
  - 54 Chemically dyed skein of yarn. Dyed by exhibitor with chemical dyes such as Cushing, Jacquard, Kool Aid, Rit, etc.
  - 55 Wearable fabric item, dyed using plant, insect or chemical dye
  - 56 Non-wearable fabric item, dyed using plant, insect or chemical dye
  - 57 Unspecified – describe on entry tag

## **FELTING**

All entries are to be made from unwoven fleece. Attach card to each entry describing felting method used.

- Lot No.**
- 58 Needle Felted – Wearable item
  - 59 Needle Felted – Non-wearable item
  - 60 Wet Felted – Wearable item
  - 61 Wet Felted – Non-wearable item
  - 62 Combination of needle and wet felt
  - 63 Unspecified – describe on entry tag

## Pre-Entry Form

### 2026 Olmsted County Fair

Deadline for Pre-Entries: July 22, 2026

Use for Horticulture & Crops, Creative Activities, Culinary & Food Preservation, Hobbies, and Wine

(NOTE: **Do not use this form for Livestock, Photography, Fine Arts, Talent Show or FFA Entries**)

*Please completely fill in your name and mailing address. This form is for mail-in entries and it can be filled out on your computer. If you need more space, complete this page again to continue until you have everything listed; number each page and print before exiting as information you have entered will not be saved. Send one copy to us and keep one copy for yourself. Entries are to be mailed to **Olmsted County Fair, Open Class Entries, 1403 Third Ave SE, Rochester, MN 55904**. Each individual exhibitor must complete a separate form; also a separate form is needed for each department. Check your Department rules for limits on how many lots you can enter.*

**Entries can also be made online using the “Register Here” link on <http://www.olmstedcountyfair.com/open-class/>**

Exhibitor Name \_\_\_\_\_ (Premium check will be issued in this name)

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

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Exhibitor Signature

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