

Maine Spinners' Registry Sheep-to-Shawl Competition at the Maine Fiber Frolic 2011

The Maine Spinners' Registry, is again sponsoring a Sheep-to-Shawl Competition at the Maine Fiber Frolic in Windsor. The competition will be on Saturday, June 4, 2011 starting at 10:00 am. The shawls will be raffled off on Sunday, June 5th with the proceeds to benefit a walker in the 3-day, 60 mile, Susan G. Komen Walk for a Cure.

The competition will be limited to 5 teams. Registration will be accepted beginning May 1, 2011. Please send team name, members' names (indicate the captain or responsible person), address, contact phone number, email (if available) to: Kathy Chase, Maine Spinner's Registry, 23 Evergreen Lane, Freedom, ME 04941 or email kathy@mainespinnerregistry.org

Process: Woven or knitted wool shawl.

Size: At least 1440 square inches. (This is equal to approximately 20" x72", minus any fringe.) It can be larger.

Fiber: Teams need to supply their own fleece. Fleece can be washed and dyed before the competition.

Yarns: The warp yarn may be commercial or handspun, and it may be colored. The weft yarn may be singles or plied and may also be colored.

Team: Six members: one weaver, four spinners and 1 go-fer. All team members can help with fiber preparation and tying fringe at any time. The gofer can alternate with the other members if they need a break, but there can be no more than 1 person weaving or knitting, and 4 people spinning at any time during the competition.

Equipment: Loom may be pre-warped. You may use only four harnesses or less. Spinning wheels, related equipment, drum carders may be used for carding the weft yarns (only one drum carder allowed per team). Teams may also use hand cards or wool combs, if desired.

Time: Teams will set up between 8:00 A.M. and 8:30 A.M. Cars will need to be off the fairgrounds by 8:30. The competition will start at 10:00 A.M. Saturday, June 4, 2011. First team done wins! First place prize is \$150.00 and second place wins \$75.00.