



MAKE IT WITH WOOL (MIWW) COMPETITION

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2009, 9 AM – 4 PM

FASHION REVIEW 2:30 PM

Cabarrus County Fair, Cabarrus County Arena and Events Center,
4751 Highway 49 North, Concord, NC 28025

- Sponsors** NC Sheep Producers Association Inc. (NCSPA) and Cabarrus County Fair
- Eligibility** Open to all ages and all levels of sewing. Participants must be residents of NC and/or students enrolled in NC schools or institutes of higher learning. Anyone regardless of race, creed or sex who meets age and other guidelines may participate. **Age is determined as of December 31, 2009.**
- Categories** Preteen (12 and under); Junior (13 – 16); Senior (17 – 24); Adult (25 and over); Made for Others (all ages); Wearable Accessories (all ages)
- Fabrics/Yarns** Entries may be sewn, knitted, crocheted, woven or felted and must contain wool or wool blend (minimum 60% wool, mohair, cashmere, alpaca, camel, llama and/or vicuna). The entire garment body (back, front and sleeves) must be of these fabrics. Trims, facings, linings, interfacings and underlinings may be fabrics other than wool or wool blend. **Test fabric/s and/or yarns before construction to assure eligibility. Juniors, Seniors and Adults fabric/s and or yarn/s must be tested by Wool Lab to qualify for National MIWW. Send \$3 for each 5x5" sample of fabric/yarn to Jean Thomas (address below) to be tested; results in 1-2 weeks.**
- Garments** **Preteens, Juniors, Seniors and Adults** must select, construct and model must be completed in 2009 and may be judged in other competitions (fashion their own garments. **Made for Others** -- modeled by their intended wearer or approved substitute. **Wearable Accessories** - modeled by the entrant. Entry reviews, fairs, etc.)
- Preteens** may enter dress, jumper, skirt, pants, shorts, vest, sweater, shirt/blouse, jacket, or a combination of garments (National testing not required; test using instructions on "Letter to Participants")
 - Juniors, Seniors, Adults, and Made for Others** may enter:
 - One-piece garment: dress, jumper, outerwear jacket, coat or cape
 - Two-piece outfit: coat, jacket, cape, blouse/shirt, vest or sweater with dress, jumper, skirt, pants or shorts
 - Ensemble (3 or more garments worn together at one time): coat, jacket, cape, blouse/shirt, vest, and/or sweater with dress, jumper, skirt, pants or shorts
- Entries** Participant must mail entry fee/s (\$10 per entry), Make It With Wool (MIWW) National and State Entry Forms, Samples and Commentary Form/s **no later than August 21, 2009**. **5x 5" samples** of each wool or wool blend fabric and/or knitted, crocheted, woven or felted swatch must be submitted with **both** NATIONAL and STATE entry forms. See "Letter to Participants" for full details on testing, samples submission and entry forms.
- NATIONAL:** mail entry form/s, entry fee/s and sample/s to MIWW National Director, Marie Leffeldt, Box 175, Lavina, Montana 59046.
 - STATE:** mail MIWW entry form/s, Cabarrus County Fair entry form and W-9 form, sample/s (if not submitted earlier) and commentary sheets to NC MIWW State Director, Jean Thomas, 3019 McLaughlin Lane, Charlotte, NC 28269 (704-547-0499).
- Judging** Entries judged on construction quality, fashion and creativity; appropriateness to contestant's age/lifestyle; contestant's presentation; and coordination of fabric/yarn with garment style and design. Judges decision final.
- Prizes** MIWW participants will receive **certificates, wool fabric, sewing notions and placement awards** from the NCSPA. **Fair participation ribbons and honorariums** will be awarded from Cabarrus County Fair: a \$10 honorarium or a \$20 honorarium if entry is left at the fair in the MIWW Booth for display from September 12, 2009 to end of fair (entries will be picked up by participants or directors).
- NC Junior and Senior Winners** may advance to **National Finals** with a travel scholarship provided by the NCSPA. Nationals will be held January 21-24, 2010 in Nashville, TN.
 - Adult State Winner** may compete in National Finals by submitting 5"x 7" photos and a video without sound (maximum 3 minutes) of themselves wearing garment/s. The National Adult Winner receives a trip to model at the National Competition.
- See National Brochure for further information including a complete listing of national forms and awards (www.sheepusa.org > MIWW Contest). National **Design Student Competition** (info at same website).

All forms will be available when published at www.cabarruscounty4h.com > Useful 4-H Forms. See "Letter to Participants" for specifics regarding testing, map, parking, meals, etc. Fair information (www.cabarruscountyfair.com) will be available the summer of 2009. Contact Jean Thomas (704-547-0499) or NC MIWW Co-Director Jo Ann Lowder (704-455-9340) if you have questions. Congratulations to NC Jr. Winner Marisa Linton who earned 1st Place at MIWW National Competition in San Diego, CA and the title of 2009 Jr. Wool Ambassador. She received \$1,500 in scholarships, various other awards, and opportunities for several national trips during 2009/2010 for wool promotion.