



2026 Montana Association of Weavers and Spinners

"Fishing For Compliments"

OPEN SHOW ENTRY FORM

Anyone who is a current member of MAWS is invited to enter the Open Show. If not attending the conference, please specify who is authorized to drop off and pick up your entry. All entries must have been completed since the last MAWS Conference in 2024. Up to three items may be entered, only one per category. **Please fill out a separate form for each item entered.** Entry forms should be submitted by Friday, June 12, 2026 and all items **must** be delivered to the conference between 3:00 and 6:00 pm, Thursday, June 18, 2026. Same day entries that are not pre-registered will be accepted, also by 6:00 pm, Thursday. Entries will be released starting at 4:30 pm, Saturday, June 20. **Please attach a copy of this entry form to your item.**

NOTE: Open show entries may also be entered in the Fashion Show.

Category Number and Description: _____

Fiber Technique Used: _____

Fiber Content: _____

If item is made from handspun yarn, what percentage of the piece is handspun: _____

Consider item for Conference Theme and/or Conference Colors Award: _____

Consider item for Best of Bateman Award: _____

Consider item for Complex Weaver's Award (See [Award Criteria](#) on back): _____

Does entry need to be hanging (large garment, wall hanging, etc): _____

Information about the project, including for example: **Weaving:** Weave structure, # shafts used, *Please state if weaving was done on a Dobby loom or using computerized treadling; **Knitting:** Knitting technique (twined, mosaic, etc.); **Spinning:** Spin/Ply technique, # plies, etc. If handspun yarn, what is the planned use of the skein?

What was the inspiration for this project?

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Person authorized to drop off/pick up (other than yourself): _____

Email completed form to: bigskyfiberartsguildmt@gmail.com

Questions? Contact: Margie Lubinski, mlubinski1@gmail.com

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Complex Weavers Award

Criteria:

This Award is to be given for excellence in weaving that meets the following criteria:

- The winning piece should be original in both design and execution with a complex interlacement of threads and fibers beyond plain weave.
- There is no requirement that the piece must be woven on a designated number of shafts or on a multi-shaft loom.

With the following limitations:

- Pieces taken directly from published works are not eligible for the Award.
- Kits are not eligible for the Award.
- Workshop samples or pieces woven under supervision are not eligible for the Award.

Award Recipient:

The Complex Weavers Award includes:

- Certificate
- Handwoven ribbon
- One year membership (new or renewal) in Complex Weavers.

The winner will need to complete three forms: Winners Information, Membership Form and Permission Form.

In return, CW asks for a description of the piece and a high resolution jpeg, slide and/or photograph that may be used in the Complex Weavers Journal and any future compilations or composite CW publications, on the website, and archived by CW. It may also be the case that we would ask for an additional short article for the CW Journal. None of these are requirements for the Award, however.