



Calling All Fiber Vendors & Organizations!

You are invited to apply as a vendor for the **2024 Montana Association of Weavers & Spinners (MAWS) Conference** to be held in Billings, August 1-4, 2024. We are offering a limited number of vendor spaces at the Billings Hotel and Convention Center. This selling/educational opportunity will showcase a variety of quality goods and services in the world of fibers.

Spaces, which are 10x10, will be in the heart of activities, surrounding a shared center space where shows and other events will take place. An application form is attached to this info. The Convention Center has great lighting and easy access. Vendors and shows are open to the public to maximize exposure to your products. The vendor area will be secured after each day's activities. We encourage local/regional fiber related businesses and organizations to participate, as well as out of state vendors.

Each booth is supplied with one 8' draped table and 2 chairs. Black drapes are installed along the back of each booth. There are no side drapes.

Price per 10x10 space is \$125 before May 1, 2024, and \$150 as of May 1. Refunds, minus \$50, will be given for cancellations prior to June 1. Electricity, if requested, is available for a \$10 additional charge. Do NOT send payment with application. You will be invoiced if accepted.

Two recent photos of your products and one photo of your booth set up are required, emailed in .jpeg format to Susan. Hard copy prints may, instead, be sent with your application. Product photos can show a grouping of items or individual items.

Applications may be submitted beginning now. The first review will be made approximately November 6, 2023, with notifications sent out by mid-December. This will ensure everyone has time to apply, and will be able to plan accordingly. Subsequent applications will continue to be reviewed as they are submitted, subject to space availability. We anticipate a good response to this vendor invitation, and encourage you to mail your application before November to ensure a timely notification.

We will strive to honor your preferences, as noted on the application, but the committee reserves the right to make final booth assignments.

A door prize donation, minimum value \$15 is required from each vendor. Donors will be listed.

Hotel accommodations, at a reduced conference rate, will be available. Please contact the hotel directly for reservation details at 406-248-7151. Meal plans will be forthcoming.

No animals allowed in the conference other than service animals.

Vendor schedule:

Aug 1/Thurs: Set up 1-5pm

Aug 2/Fri: Set up 7-11am. Sales from 11-7

Aug 3/Sat: Sales from 11-7. Optional tear down 8:30-10pm (after Keynote speakers)

Aug 4/Sun: Optional selling, or tear down 8-12. (Brunch & fashion show will be taking place in a different room that morning.) Final tear down must be completed by 2pm.

Please contact Susan Leaverton with your questions: seleaverton@nemont.net

406-328-6520 or 406-321-1711 cell & text.

We look forward to hearing from you! Spread the word!!