

2026 WYOMING SHEEP & WOOL FESTIVAL

ART SHOW, CONTEST & SALE

RULES & GUIDELINES

Join us for the 4th annual Wyoming Sheep & Wool Festival (WS&WF) Art show, contest, and silent auction. The art show will feature fine artwork and woolcrafts centered around the sheep and wool industries. Enter your art and woolcrafts to be eligible for prize money totaling \$800. Enter in either of three categories: Fine Art- 2-D, Fine Art- 3-D, and Woolcrafts. Cash prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd placings in all categories. The top two placings of each category will compete for Grand and Reserve Champion of the Art and Woolcraft Show. The winner of the Fine Art- 2-D category will be the poster artwork for the 2026 Wyoming Sheep & Wool Festival. People's and Children's Choice will also be awarded.

EVENT DATES

July 31-August 2nd, 2026

LOCATION

Park County Fairgrounds, Powell, WY

IMPORTANT DATES

Entries Open: Saturday, February 28th (online)

Entry Deadline: Saturday, June 20th

Notice of Acceptance: Thursday, June 25th

Art Delivery to Festival: July 27th (by mail) or 9 a.m. on July 31st (in-person)

Reception: Friday, July 31st, 6 p.m.

Awards Announced: Saturday, August 1st, 7 p.m.

Return of Artwork: Unsold pieces will be returned via your carrier of choice (USPS, UPS, FedEx)- August 14th

ELIGIBILITY-MEDIA:

- ◆ Exhibit is open to all artists over the age of 18.
- ◆ The theme of entries must reflect sheep/wool industries.
- ◆ Entries must be original artwork.
- ◆ Please present work in a manner in which it can be easily hung and/or displayed.
- ◆ Entry to the auction is optional and should be indicated upon application submission.
- ◆ The Art Show is open to ALL Media. See event categories.

EVENT CATEGORIES

FINE ART- 2-D: For artists/hobbyists who create and execute original artwork through DRAWING, PAINTING, PHOTOGRAPHY, DIGITAL ART, PRINTMAKING, 2-D MIXED MEDIA, etc.

FINE ART- 3-D: For artists/hobbyists who create and execute original artwork through GLASS, JEWELRY, METAL, SCULPTURE, 3-D MIXED MEDIA, CLAY, WOOD, etc.

WOOLCRAFT SHOW: For artisans and hobbyists who create objects specifically with wool from sheep.

ENTRY INFORMATION

Entry Fee: \$15 per entry

Shipping Information: A return label must be included with the artwork for return shipping of unsold items. Hand delivery and pickup is also available. **Please send to:**

Alison Crane
1330 Lane 10
Powell, WY 82534

ALL artwork must arrive by July 27th, 2026 or be hand delivered by 9 a.m., July 31st.

Entry Process:

All entries will be processed through the WS&WF website via the art submission page. Go to the Festival website and click the link for the art show: www.wyomingsheepandwoolfestival.com

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Questions? Contact Alison Crane at alison@wyowool.com

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JURIED INFORMATION:

EXHIBITION: Artists will submit entries by June 20th, 2026. These entries will be juried by June 25th, 2026 and artists notified via email of acceptance or non-acceptance to the Art Show. **Accepted pieces must be received by July 27th (mail delivery) or 9 a.m., July 31st (hand delivery).**

JURORS: The 2026 Art Show is juried by a leading art professional. Jurors are encouraged to select artwork suitable for commercial art purposes as the work will be used to promote the WS&WF.

SALES:

Proceeds of sale at the art silent auction or otherwise through the WS&WF will be shared as follows: 30% of the proceeds to the WS&WF, with the balance to the artist.

ACCEPTED WORK:

The WS&WF Art Committee reserves the right to remove any works from the exhibition based on special installation circumstances or discrepancies between the juried images and actual work.

All accepted work must remain on display until the end of the exhibition (conclusion of Shepherd's Come Bye Awards Dinner), the evening of August 1st, 2026.

PRIZE INFORMATION

TOTAL CASH PRIZES: \$800

BREAKDOWN:

- ◆ \$250, Grand Champion across categories
- ◆ \$100, Reserve Champion across categories
- ◆ Placings in each category:
 - ◆ 1st & 2nd place receive cash/non-cash awards

PRIZE INFORMATION, CONTINUED

ADDITIONAL PRIZES:

- ◆ Fine Art-2-D category winner: 2026 Festival poster art
- ◆ Children's Choice Award
- ◆ People's Choice Award

NOTICES

LIABILITY:

Please note that the artist assumes the risk of loss or damage to the artwork during transportation and while the artwork is in the custody of the WS&WF. The artist is responsible for making such insurance arrangements as the artist deems appropriate.

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

By entering the WS&WF Art Show, the artist grants to the WS&WF, its successors and assigns, the exclusive right to use and publish for art, advertising, sale or any other lawful use that furthers the promotion of the WS&WF. All artwork submitted that is an Art Show winner for one year from the date of judging of the Art Contest, and a non-exclusive right thereafter in perpetuity. Artist waives any right I may have to inspect or approve the finished product or advertising or other copy that may be used for these purposes and release the WS&WF from any liability for any blurring, distortion, alteration, optical illusion, or use in composite form that might occur or be produced in making copies or processing the completed product.

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