

As you all know fair season is coming fast. As head of the Handspun/ Handwoven dept. at the Santa Cruz County Fair I invite you to enter your spinning and/or weaving in our fair. If you are entering your work in the Monterey Co. Fair it need not keep you from entering in Santa Cruz. I will transport any entries from Monterey, after the end of the fair, north to Santa Cruz. Just make sure to note this on your entry form.



This year will be an exciting year for the **Handspun-Handwoven** department at the Santa Cruz County Fair. A new “home” for our department will be the reason for much of our excitement.

We will be leaving the “Pioneer Days” of Yesterday’s Farm and the Codiga Museum and moving to the “Modern Ways” found in the **Harvest Building!** For our crafters/makers this should be no problem. We practice an art as old as time and as modern as computers. As long as humans have needed cloth and/or baskets, spinners and weavers have been there to work their magic of creation. And into the future our makers will push the limits of their skills to stay on the cutting-edge of technology.

Our judged entries will be displayed inside the hall adjacent to the kitchen area. And our exciting “Art-in-Action” stage will be just outside on the porch overlooking the adult gardens. Weavers with small portable looms and spinners with various kinds of spinning tools are welcome to show off

their talent and answer questions from inquiring minds, young and old, every day outside on the covered stage.

As in years past, we will be holding our W.A.S.C.A.R. Competition on Saturday afternoon. Never heard of WASCAR? The initials stand for “**W**heels **A**nd **S**pindles **C**reative **A**rts **R**acing”. It’s only the wackiest, most fun spinning competition you’ve ever witnessed! And if you think you are up to the challenge you can join in the mayhem, and spectators are welcome to cheer on the intrepid racers. You’re sure to have a good laugh!

So be sure to stop by and see what all the excitement is about. Our stage will be sporting colorful flags to show you the way to our new home and you won’t be able to miss our colorful entries displayed in the Harvest building. (Sadly the large looms that were always in the vicinity of our display in the Codiga museum, are too cumbersome to move to the Harvest building. Be sure you stop by in Yesterday’s Farm and say “hi” to those lonely weavers!)

We are excited to have your entries and hope you will come out to our Fair and spend some time with us. If you haven’t already signed up to volunteer, there are still slots that need filling and your help will be greatly appreciated. Volunteers in our dept. get free entry to the Fair and free parking! Contact me by email or phone and I’ll get you signed up to help.

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