

CSKMS 2017 Conference Contest Rules



The CSKMS 2017 Conference Contest will be held during the annual membership meeting. Entries must be made prior to or during the conference by members of CSKMS. Judging will take place by a panel of volunteer judges chosen at the conference. Judges may not enter any items in the contest. Awards will be at the discretion of the Board of Directors. Entries will be displayed before and after judging at the conference.

General Rules

- * All entries, except in the Gadgets and Tools category, must have been made primarily on a circular sock knitting machine.
- * Entries must have been made by the entrant and may not have been entered in any previous CSKMS conference contest.
- * A separate, completed entry form must be submitted for each entry. Only one entry per person per category is allowed.
- * Any entry that is intended to be worn/used as a pair or group must have ALL items. For example, sock entries must contain both socks, doggie socks must have 4 socks, etc. Items need not match exactly, but it must be evident that they are intended to be used together.
- * Entries must be placed in the display area no later than 9:00 am on Saturday, August 5. Judging will be accomplished by noon on the same day, and winners will be announced in the afternoon. Entries must remain in the display area until after the awards are announced.

Categories

#1 -- Socks

A. Socks -- Hand Spun Yarn

Only 100% natural fiber yarn spun by hand may be used for this category. The yarn must have been spun by the maker of the socks. Your entry form should include the following information:

- a. Fiber type(s): (sheep, goat, alpaca, rabbit, cotton, silk, etc.),
- b. Dyeing process (if any);
- c. Any other information that an expert judge should know in order to appreciate the work that went into the creation of your item.

B. Socks -- Special Techniques

Cables, diamonds, argyles, beads, lace, embroidery, etc. Special techniques also includes special stitches and/or any type of unconventional construction of the sock itself. Your entry form should include the following information:

- a. Technique used (particularly if it is not obvious from looking at the item)
- b. Any other information that an expert judge should know in order to appreciate the work that went into the creation of your item.

C. Socks - Holiday Themes

4th of July, Christmas, New Year's, Valentine's Day, St. Patrick's Day, Easter, Halloween, etc. Your entry form should include the following information:

- a. An identification of the holiday that is the theme of your work.
- b. Any other information that an expert judge should know in order to appreciate the work that went into the creation of your item.

D. Socks -- Custom Dyed

Commercially spun or hand spun yarn may be used for this category. The yarn may be any fiber(s) you choose. Your entry form should include the following information:

- a. Fiber(s) used.
- b. Dye technique(s) used.
- c. Any other information that an expert judge should know in order to appreciate the work that went into the creation of your item.

#2 -- Clothing and Accessories Other Than Socks

A. Adult Clothing

Items in this category include shawls, jackets, sweaters, skirts, ponchos, etc. Your entry form should include the following information:

- a. Yarn type and weight
- b. Knitting technique(s)
- c. Construction technique(s)
- d. Any other information that an expert judge should know in order to appreciate the work that went into the creation of your item.

B. Non-Adult Clothing

Items in this category include clothing meant for children, dolls, animals, etc. Your entry form should include the following information:

- a. Yarn type and weight
- b. Knitting technique(s)
- c. Construction technique(s)
- d. Any other information that an expert judge should know in order to appreciate the work that went into the creation of your item.

C. Accessories

Items in this category include hats, purses, gloves, mittens, headbands, belts, sashes, etc. Your entry form should include the following information:

- a. Yarn type and weight
- b. Knitting technique(s)
- c. Construction technique(s)
- d. Any other information that an expert judge should know in order to appreciate the work that went into the creation of your item.

#3 -- Toys and Household Items

A. Toys

Items in this category include knitted blocks, dolls, animal toys, etc. Your entry form should include the following information:

- a. Yarn type and weight
- b. Knitting technique(s)
- c. Construction technique(s)
- d. Any other information that an expert judge should know in order to appreciate the work that went into the creation of your item.

B. Household Items

Items in this category include practical items that are not clothing or toys and that have a utilitarian purpose such as pillows, curtains, containers, etc. Your entry form should include the following information:

- a. Yarn type and weight
- b. Knitting technique(s)
- c. Construction technique(s)
- d. Any other information that an expert judge should know in order to appreciate the work that went into the creation of your item.

#4 -- Art and Decorative Display Pieces

Items in this category are meant to be purely decorative such as hangings, jewelry, statues, etc. Your entry form should include the following information:

- a. Yarn type and weight
- b. Knitting technique(s)
- c. Construction technique(s)
- d. Any other information that an expert judge should know in order to appreciate the work that went into the creation of your item.

#5 -- Vintage Knitting

Items entered in this category must be items created from a vintage pattern from one of the various CSM manuals. These must be recognizable items rather than samples of fancy stitches or techniques. Fancy stitches or techniques may be incorporated into the items for extra credit in scoring.

NOTE: A photocopy of the pattern for the item must be submitted with the entry, along with the name and year (if known) of the manual used (and for which machine) so that it can be referred to during the judging process.

#6 -- Gadgets and Tools

Items in this category include anything that has a purpose or a function related to knitting on a CSM. Items in this category may or may not have been knitted on a sock machine. They may be conventional CSM tools made in a new or creative way. A past example was a set-up basket made from a wire whisk. Your entry form should include the following information:

- a. Description of the item and its intended purpose.
- b. Yarn type and weight, if applicable
- c. Knitting technique(s), if applicable
- d. Construction technique(s)
- e. Any other information that an expert judge should know in order to appreciate the work that went into the creation of your item.

CSKMS Conference Contest Entry Form



INSTRUCTIONS: Please print. Complete one form per item. Each participant is limited to one entry per category. Multiple pieces designed as a unit or set are considered one entry. If you need more space, use the reverse side of this page.

Name of maker _____ Phone _____

Email address _____ Category # of entry _____

Name or title of entry _____

Description of entry in detail _____

Special techniques used, if any _____

Any other information required by category rules _____

By my signature below, I state that:

- * I am the sole maker of the item described above.
- * The item was made entirely or primarily on a circular sock machine (except category #6, Gadgets and Tools).
- * I have described it accurately.
- * I will display the item in the contest area for the duration of the contest.
- * I understand that CSKMS is not liable for loss of, damage to or destruction of the item during the contest.

Name of maker

Date