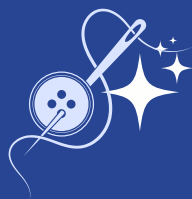


THE BIGGEST LITTLE WOOL SHOW



 NATIONAL MAKE IT WITH WOOL
FASHION SHOW &
AWARDS PROGRAM

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31, 2026
ATLANTIS CASINO RESORT SPA
RENO, NV



**THANK YOU FOR JOINING THE AMERICAN SHEEP INDUSTRY IN
RENO, NEVADA
AT THE ANNUAL AMERICAN SHEEP INDUSTRY CONVENTION**

The National *Make It With Wool* contest promotes the beauty and versatility of wool and works alongside the sheep and wool industry by creating lifelong consumers of wool fabrics, fibers, and yarns.

Wool is the extraordinary fiber creating the beautiful array of garments on this fashion runway today. It goes beyond fashion alone to become the nation's most practical environmental cleanup material. Its versatility is unequalled. It's the fiber of tomorrow, available to consumers today.

Wool is the fiber from generations past that has a bright future as more companies, designers, and home sewers re-discover the valuable properties of the best natural fiber on the planet. A fiber that can create fabrics from the sheerest gauze to heavy duty rugs and tapestries. Wool is all around you!

The garments you see tonight have been *created through hours of time, technical skills* and *love from the individuals wearing them*. You will notice the outfits will appear in many colors and textures and are all a product of sheep wool and fiber producers hard work and dedication. These individuals are the top winners from this year's state contests and represent hundreds of entries and many hundreds of yards of fabrics and skeins of yarn.

Many thanks to the **MIWW State Directors** for their dedication and promotion of the contest during the year. Also, a big **"THANK YOU"** is sent out to the generous donors who support this program; your donations are a vital part of the success of the *Make It With Wool* contest. Best wishes to all the contestants! **And, be sure to save the dates for next year's convention in Charleston, South Carolina – January 14th-16th, 2027.**

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The RE Synergy Foundation



2026 MAKE IT WITH WOOL PROGRAM

PRESENTATION OF FASHION SHOW:

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MC - MIWW Assistant Representative

Amelia Parry

MC - Utah State MIWW Director



PRESENTATION OF AWARDS:

MIWW National Director - Karen Weight

American Sheep Industry - Ben Lehfeldt

American Wool Council - Kate Harlan

Backyard Green Films - Elara Bowman

Crescent Hill Farms - Meighan Stevens

Going Batty - Keegan McGhie



2025 WINNERS AND WOOL AMBASSADORS:

Adult Winner - Marcia Mankin (At-Large/AK); Junior Winner - Ethan Barner (MO);
Senior Winner - Henry Lemke (MN); and Fashion Apparel and Design Winner - Ann Moorman
(Rocky Mountain College of Art and Design) with model Courtney Hatch (AZ)



STATE DIRECTORS

Karen Weight

National

Melinda Stevens

At Large

Olivia Brown

Arizona

Robyn Foote

Arkansas

April Ward

California

Alicia Pucci

Colorado

Tammy Hemmerly

Florida

Kim Monk

Idaho

Marianne Dosmann

Indiana

Kristine Goossen

Kansas

Judy Williamson

Maryland

Cindy Reisig

Michigan

Glenette Sperry

Minnesota

Jeanne Shuck

Missouri

Amanda Powell

Montana

Andrea Nisley

Nebraska

Katy Lente

New Mexico

Meegan Veeder-Shave

New York

Yvonne Haskins

North Carolina

Joana Friesz

North Dakota

Daphne Hedgecock

Ohio

Lynda Latta

Oklahoma

Linda Siegel

Pennsylvania

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& Wanda Blair

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Dee Wolters

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Jennifer Nimmrichter

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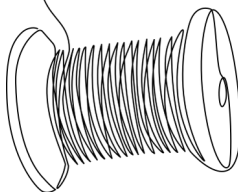
Lorrie Riemer &

Terri Dallas

Wisconsin

Kelly Barlow


Wyoming





NATIONAL JUDGES



Judging for this year's national MIWW contest was completed by well-qualified individuals, including sewing and fashion professionals and wool producers. We appreciate their expertise and time; judging is never an easy job! 

Kathleen Poole ~ Junior Judge: 60 years of sewing experience ranging from 4-H to pattern making and working in San Francisco's garment industry. Member of the American Sewing Guild Contra Costa Chapter for 30 years. Prior state MIWW judge. Teaches sewing for the Mt. Diablo Adult Education. From Walnut Creek, California.

Lynda Johnson ~ Junior Judge: Grew up on a sheep ranch in Utah, She is a long-time MIWW supporter as a contestant and contributor. National MIWW Adult winner in 2012. District, State, and National past presidents. Bachelors in Clothing and Textiles. From Encampment, Wyoming.

Sara Watt Longan ~ Junior Judge: 1995 National MIWW Senior Winner and Wool Ambassador. Learned to shear through the CA 4-H extension sheep shearing program. Commercial Shearer in the Pacific Northwest. Fiber arts skills from fiber design, spinning, weaving, felting, dyeing and more. From Eagle River, Alaska.

Jan Loverin ~ Junior Judge: Curator of Clothing and Textiles at the Nevada State Museum's Marjorie Russell Clothing and Textile Research Center in Carson City. Previous Nevada MIWW contestant. BA from Whitter College and MS from University of Nevada-Reno. Presented papers at the Costume Society of America and International Council of Museums. From Chilcoot, California.

Sheri Vanderpool ~ Senior Judge: Lifelong sewer that started through 4-H in Alaska. Bachelor of Arts degree in Consumer and Family Studies and Business Administration from Linfield College. Currently the area manager and MIWW coordinator for Pendleton Woolen Mills. From Portland, Oregon.

Rita Loveday ~ Senior Judge: Founder of 4 Sisters Sewing School in Maryville, TN, 4-H youth professional, owns a commercial embroidery business and does bridal alterations and custom fitted slip covers. Bachelors in Home Economics with an emphasis in home demonstration methods and an MS in textiles & clothing. From Louisville, Tennessee.

Diane Boone ~ Senior Judge: Third generation sewer. Retired high school teacher. Started an alterations and custom embroidery business. She has done leatherwork for Harley-Davidson for over 10 years. Teaches various sewing classes at Reno stores and Truckee Meadows Community College. Offers private lessons as well as her many classes. From Reno, Nevada.



2026 DONORS

**WE ARE GRATEFUL TO THESE INDIVIDUALS AND BUSINESSES FOR THEIR GENEROUS DONATIONS.
WITHOUT THEIR SUPPORT, NATIONAL MIWW WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE.**

Platinum Donors - \$2,500 and OVER

American Sheep Industry
American Wool Council
American Woolen Company – Stafford, CT
Crescent Sock Company - Niota, TN
Going Batty - Reno, NV
Nevada Wool Growers Association - Spring Creek, NV
The RE Synergy Foundation - La Jolla, CA

Gold donors - \$1,000 to \$2,499

Euro-Notions/Schmetz Needles - Willowbrook, IL
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Kaos Sheep Outfit - Clearlake Ochs, CA
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Utah Wool Marketing Association - Tooele, UT

Silver Donors - \$500 to \$999

Andrea Nisley - Lexington, NE
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ACKNOWLEDGE THE EXPERT ASSISTANCE THE STAFF OF THE ATLANTIS CASINO
RESORT SPA HAS EXTENDED TO HELP MAKE OUR EVENT SO SUCCESSFUL. WE
EXPRESS OUR DEEP GRATITUDE TO EACH OF OUR GENEROUS DONORS WHO ARE THE
LIFEBLOOD OF OUR PROMOTIONAL EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF THE AMERICAN SHEEP
AND WOOL INDUSTRY!**

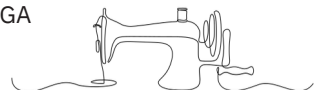


Bronze Donors - \$100-\$499

American Lamb Board - Denver, CO
American Angora Goat Breeder's Association -
Rocksprings, TX
Campbell Co. Woolgrowers Aux. - Gillette, WY
Center for Knit & Crochet - Mazomanie, WI
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CW Ranch - Salem, UT
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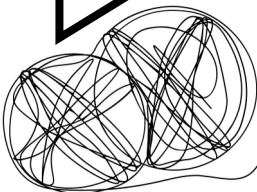
Friend of Make It With Wool - Up to \$99

Billie's Designer Fabrics - Chehalis, WA
A & E Gutermann Thread - Mount Holly, NC
Crescent Hill Farms - South Webster, OH
Leinweber Ranches - Mt. Home, TX
Mountain Meadow Wool - Buffalo, WY
Pamela's Patterns - Vernon, CT
Sulky of America - Kennesaw, GA



2026 State Contestants

<u>Juniors</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Seniors</u>
-	At-Large	Mary Amoroso
-	Arizona	Liz Verschure
Hailee Luiz	California	Marissa Sanchez
Makenzie Potton	Colorado	Morgan Stults
Jojo Osborn	Idaho	-
Claire Ford	Indiana	Isaac Sanders
Iris Schrotberger	Kansas	-
Brenna Chamelin	Maryland	Lynne Thomas
Rosalee Monroe	Michigan	Kevina Clear
Noah Wallace	Montana	Angelina Toth
Greta Rickertsen	Nebraska	Dakota Vrbas
Emilia DeLorenzo	New York	Natalie Saint-Rossy
Alayna Miller	North Carolina	-
Valerie Knight	Ohio	Sydney Hamilton
Jenna Schmidt	Oklahoma	-
Kali Bucklen	Pennsylvania	Hope Wagner
Kinsly Altena	South Dakota	-
Makenzie Wright	Texas	-
Preslee Orton	Utah	Marjorie Morley
Ulli Goldberg	Washington	-
Audrey Johnson	Wisconsin	Elizabeth Colwell
Miranda Smith	Wyoming	Ashlynn Johnson



Congrats!



MIWW QR Code Connections



Backyard Green Films host
Elara Bowman interviews
Claire Houlihan, NYSSWF
Skein & Garment Competition
Nicole Foti, Fashion Design Instructor
Ulster BOCES
Karen Weight, National Director MIWW



National Director - Karen Weight
at approx 4hr 15 mins
Mohair, NYSS&WF 2024
at approx 2hrs 32min



Texas Make It With Wool Director,
Jennifer Nimmrichter



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2026
NATIONAL ADULT WINNER



2nd Place
Anita Hardwick
Indiana

3rd Place
Jamie Wilkinson
Wyoming

4th Place
Martha Phelps
Washington

5th Place
Kimberly Chaffin
Ohio

**2026 Adult
Winner Awards**

- \$500 Cash Award from ASI
- Wool Fabric
- Subscription to Threads Magazine
- Garment Bag & Official Sash
- Trip to 2026 National MIWW Reno





2026
NATIONAL FASHION
APPAREL/DESIGN WINNER



**2026 Fashion
Winner Awards**

- \$1000 Scholarship from American Wool Council
- Wool Fabric
- Subscription to Threads Magazine
- Garment Bag & Official Sash
- Trip to 2026 National MIWW Reno

2nd Place

Frank Rodriguez

*Rocky Mountain College of
Art & Design
Denver, CO*

3rd Place

Elizabeth Cauley

*Rocky Mountain College of
Art & Design
Denver, CO*

4th Place

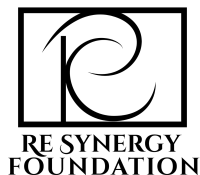
Anna Beth Mauldin

*Auburn University
Auburn, AL*

5th Place

Jasmine Gariet

*Houston Community College
Houston, TX*



THE RE SYNERGY FOUNDATION WAS PROUD TO SPONSOR THREE CONTESTS IN 2026

2026 SWEATER CONTEST WINNER



– **Christine Knobel** –
California

Through the Sweater Contest, MIWW promotes the use of natural fibers and wool products. We want natural fibers to be marketable and inviting to the consumer.

- Sweater Contest began at the NY State Sheep & Wool Festival 2024
- Cash award



2026 PRODUCER TO CRAFTER WINNER

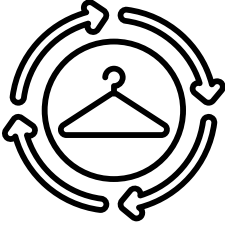
The Producer to Crafter contest is specifically designed to help recognize the producers of these incredible fibers and products.

- Producer to Crafter, introduced by Backyard Green Films
- Cash award



– **Laurel Stone** –
Oregon





The MIWW Recycle–Upcycle contest is for those who can think outside the box (or dig into one) and find a new way to use wool sweaters, garments or accessories.

2026
RECYCLE/UPCYCLE
CONTEST WINNER



– **Patty Schmidt** -
Illinois

- Suggested by The RE Synergy Foundation
- Cash award

**WE ARE THRILLED TO
CONGRATULATE THE WINNERS,
AND HOPE TO SPONSOR MORE
EXCITING FIBER COMPETITIONS IN
THE FUTURE.**



BYGF YouTube Channel content



Check out Backyard Green Films
YouTube Channel for more MIWW content
& other educational videos

Rick, Elara and Roslynn from **Backyard Green Films** are proud to help sponsor this year's competitions.

Congratulations to all the contestants!

We hope to see you again in person, when we celebrate more of the glories of the fiber universe.

We'll be at these 2026 MIWW contests in October:

Lamdtown (Dixon, CA)

New York State Sheep and Wool Festival (Rhinebeck, NY)

We'll also be at **Texas Wool Week** extravaganza in March 2026.

Happy fiberling!



SPECIAL THANKS!



Texas thanks the **Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Association**, and their sister organization **HCSGO**, for their ongoing support of the **Make It With Wool** program.





The National Make It With Wool Program is made possible by the American Sheep Industry

TOP 2026 HONOREES

National Senior Winner

National Junior Winner



The National Association of Secondary School Principals has placed this program on the advisory list of National Contests and Activities.

NATIONAL MAKE IT WITH WOOL PROGRAM



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