



“No Fair” 2020

Aug. 1 – Aug. 31, 2020

We know for many Guild members the MN State Fair Creative Activities competitions are one of the high points of the year. They're our chance to show off what we've been working on over the year, check out all the work by other amazing knitters, grumble about judging and displays, and hopefully take home a coveted rosette. With the 2020 Fair cancelled, the Guild has decided to fill that gap with the "No Fair" Competitions.

While we would love to have all the categories the Fair has each year, we know there is no good way for us to judge the workmanship of all your wonderful knitting virtually. So, we've decided to have a little fun with it and come up with our own categories, keeping it a little more tongue-in-cheek. We hope you have some fun with it too.

We will show off all entries and announce the winners at our virtual "No Fair" Awards Ceremony, also known as the September Guild meeting, Tuesday, September 15th from 7 to 9 PM.

PRIZES: The winner of each category will receive a MKG "No Fair" 2020 Rosette and a year's membership to the Minnesota Knitters' Guild.

ENTRY RULES:

You may enter each category only once.

A project may only be entered in one category except where noted.

All projects must be hand knit.

Entries must have been completed within the last three years, except where noted.

For each category you wish to enter, please email no more than two photos of your entry to eventsmnkg@gmail.com. To keep judging unbiased please make sure you aren't recognizable in your photos. You may also add a short description on the entry in the email.

Send a separate email for each category/entry with the category number, your first name and last initial as the subject i.e., Category 1 - Kathy L.

Entries must be received by the end of day Monday, August 31st.

JUDGING:

Entries will be judged by the MKG board, except for the sweepstakes which will be awarded by random drawing. (Board members may submit projects to be included in the "No Fair" awards slideshow, but are not eligible to win.)

Judges' decisions are final.

PHOTO USE: By entering you are giving the Guild permission to share your photo at our September Guild meeting, on the Guild website (knitters.org), in a Guild newsletter, or on social media (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter).

CATEGORIES

1. Single Sock (or Mitten) Syndrome - Knitting pairs is hard, but the first one looks really great! I'll get the second one done sometime....Best single sock or mitten.
2. Christmas in July - Lockdown is a perfect time to knit holiday decorations. Best holiday decoration.
3. Creature Comforts - It's ok to knit up dolls and animals to keep you company. Best knit toy.
4. Start All the Projects! - Starting a new project is the best part of knitting! Best collection of works in progress. (Please include all the projects in one photo. Projects for this category can be older than three years and may also be entered in other categories.)
5. How Do You Wear One? – We like knitting shawls, but figuring out how to wear them can be tricky! Most creative modeling of a shawl.
6. Pot of Gold - We all know there is something good at the end of that rainbow. Best project using 7 or more colors.
7. Stranded on Sleeve Island – Maybe it should just be a vest...Best sweater that is done except for the sleeves. (Projects can have one, partial, or no sleeves.)
8. I'm a Fan – Best project inspired by pop culture i.e., a movie, tv show, song, or any current trend.
9. I've Got an Eye for Photography – Sometimes it's tricky to show off a sock...Most creative project photo.
10. Lost at Yarn Chicken – I was this close! Project is either unfinished or had to be finished creatively because you ran out of yarn.
11. Maybe I Should Have Swatched – An item that will never fit a human because it's too small, too big, or too odd.
12. Who Needs to Swatch – Oh, you got lucky! Most successful sweater despite not doing a gauge swatch.
13. Sign O' the Times – Best mask and knitwear set. (These don't technically have to be made to go together, but they happen to match. Mask does not need to be knit.)
14. You Made That?! – That showstopper project, the one all the other knitters ask about.
15. Sweepstakes - One winner randomly drawn from all the entries, that didn't win a category.

Send questions to eventsmnkg@gmail.com.