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### 2019 Standards and Guidelines for Fiber and Baskets

Please adhere to these Standards and Guidelines to ensure that your pieces have the best chance of being accepted into the Gallery/Shop and our Annual Sale.

- All pieces should be current work. Please do not submit work that is more than 1 year old.
- Any stitching must be neat, matched-up and secure.
- If beads, buttons or other trims are used, make sure that they are firmly attached.
- Pieces should be clean, with no mothball, perfume or cleaning odors.
- Labels and tags must be attached securely to all fiber pieces. Do not use straight pins to attach them. Iron-on labels are not acceptable. Care instructions and fiber content must be indicated on the tags for all clothing items. The fiber content should be in specific percentages, e.g. "40% cotton/60% silk," not just "cotton/silk."

#### Woven Items:

- All pieces must be well-made, with good edges and an even beat. There should be no mistakes in the weave pattern, such as threads not properly caught. There should be no loose or pulled threads. There should be no knots.
- All ends must be securely beaten in (no loose ends and no knots!). All pieces must be properly finished. Fringes and tassels should be even and well-secured; there should be no unsecured fringes.

#### Knit and Crocheted Items:

- All pieces must have even stitches and smooth, matched edges.
- All seams must be neat, matched-up and secure, and tail ends must be woven in properly. Knots should neither be seen nor felt.
- Buttons and other attachments, for example, pompoms, must be attached securely and neatly.

#### Baskets:

- Rims must be secure and the lashing tight.
- Handles should be secure and appropriate to the basket, with no splinters or rough surfaces.

#### Dyed or Printed Silk Pieces:

- Pieces must have well-finished edges.
- There should be no snags or pulled threads.

#### Garments/Sewn items:

- Sewn pieces, including **felted pieces**, must be well-made, with neatly finished seams, no loose threads and no visible knots.
- Stitch tension should be balanced.
- Item should be pressed with no unnecessary wrinkles.
- Do not use straight pins to keep multiple pieces together.