

2026 ARBA Convention NARBC MINI-GUIDE



Show Location

Reno-Sparks Convention Ctr
4590 S Virginia St,
Reno, NV 89502

Open & Youth Judging

We are excited to present
Joe Colucci & Allen Barr
as our convention judges!



Awards will be provided by
NARBC & ARBA
at the Convention Show.



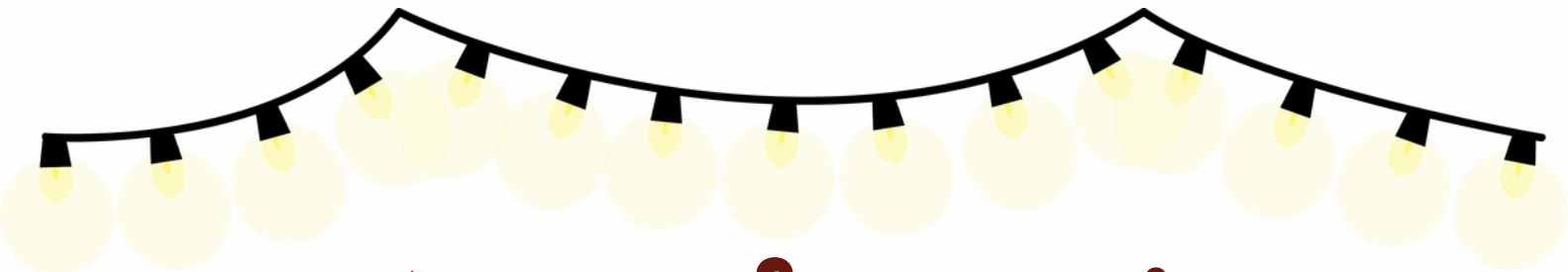
NARBC Annual Membership Meeting

NARBC Annual Membership Meeting & Banquet will be held on
Tuesday, October 27th at 10 am. Located at Black Bear Diner.

President's Awards & NARBC Hall of Fame announced at this meeting!
We look forward to seeing you there! Be sure to register & save your seat!

Make sure to stop by our booth while at convention!

Check out our raffle and visit with other Angora and fiber enthusiasts.



Show Information



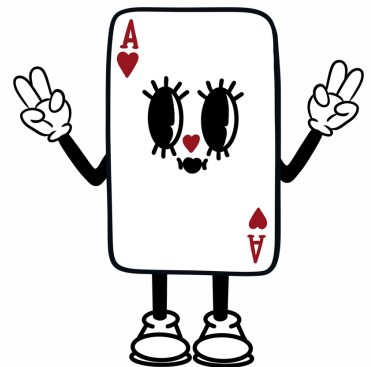
See ARBA Catalog for: { Deadline for show entries &
Show Secretary Information

Once we see the numbers at convention,
we will announce the judging order on NARBC's Facebook's Event Page.
Be sure to follow the page so you do not miss any announcements!

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English Secretary: Deidra MacKimmie
French Secretary: Laura Parker Clark
Giant Secretary: Valeri Skidmore
Satin Secretary: Laurie Penterman



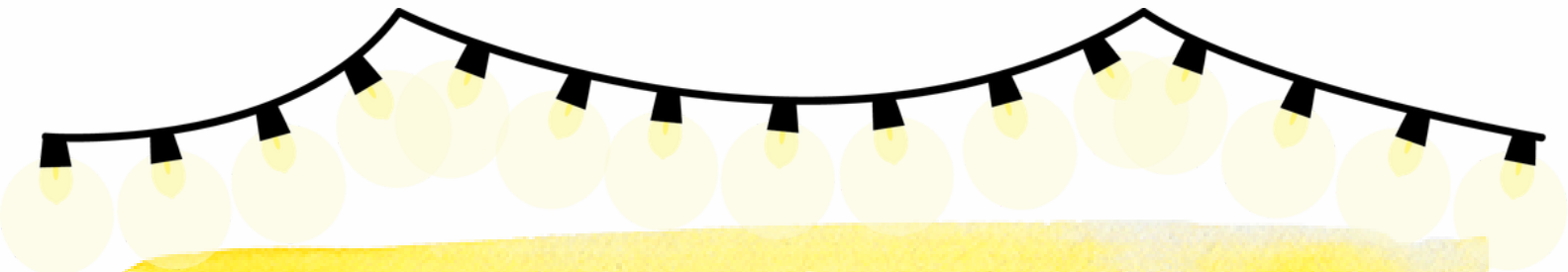
Available Table Writers: Susie Patterson, Jen Richardson,
& more volunteers are needed!



Table writers will be assigned at the show based on the judging schedule
and where help is needed. Secretaries and table writers will not be
assigned to a breed they are exhibiting.



**Additional volunteers are needed! If you are willing to serve as
a secretary or table writer, please contact Tammy or Carol to be
added to the list.**



3 Big Ways to Support

1) Raffle

NARBC will host a raffle at our booth.
Please consider bringing an item or two to donate!
All proceeds will go to NARBC
Contact Cindy Terralumina (aka Alexandria)

2) Hospitality Center

Please contact Kathy Thomas for any donations for our
hospitality center, located at the NARBC Booth!

3) The Banquet Auction

Our banquet will host the live auction. This is a fun opportunity to bring something that could support the club in a specific way - WSG, Hall of Fame, Youth Scholarship, R&D, or Awards Fund. The donor decides how their proceeds are donated to the club.

Baskets should have minimum value of \$100 each.

Bring description of items in your donation along with their estimated value to Arianne Ferguson, our Auctioneer.



Meet More of the Angora Host Team

All our national and convention shows are made possible by incredible volunteers. Each person has stepped forward to serve our Angora community, and we are truly grateful for their time and heart.

Please remember these are volunteers.



Be kind. Be patient. Be generous.

**A simple thank you goes a long way.
Together, we make all our shows special.**

Breed Chairs: Carol Green & Tammy Vaughn

Banquet: Deidra MacKimmie

Booth & Raffle: Cindy Terralumina (aka Alexandria)

Grooming Room: Kellyjo Youngreen

WSG Contest: Arianne Ferguson & Deidra MacKimmie

Mini Guide: Tammy Vaughn

Welcome Center: Kathy Thomas

Awards: Michele Reschly

Logo: Andrea Evans

Photo Booth: Andrea Evans

Photographer: Alicia Andrus

Auctioneer: Arianne Ferguson

Breed Secretaries & Table Writers:

Deidra MacKimmie, Laura Parker Clark, Valeri Skidmore,
Laurie Penterman, Susie Patterson, Jen Richardson,
& so many many more!



THANK
YOU
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BE

PART

OF

OUR
COMMUNITY

NARBC Membership Meeting & Banquet

Tuesday Oct 27th, 10 am!

Black Bear Diner



2323 S. Virginia St,
Reno, NV 89509

Just 1.4
miles
from the
showroom.



Join us for a morning filled with of fellowship and celebration as we wrap up another wonder NARBC year.

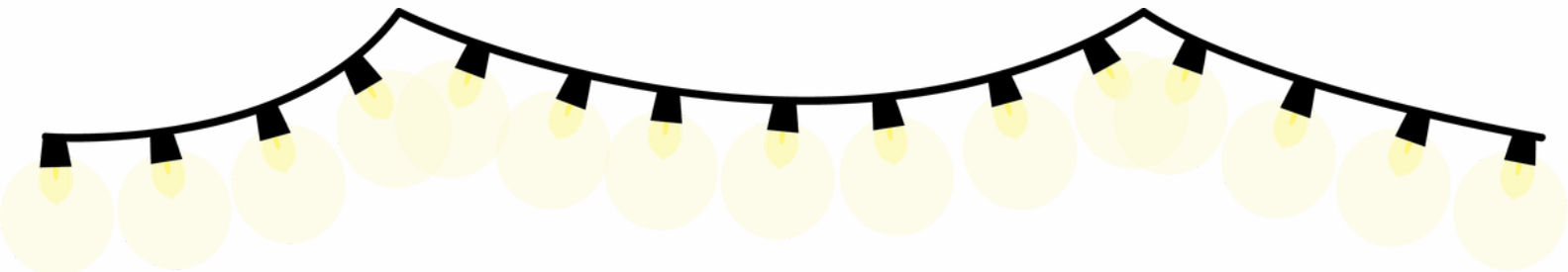
Breakfast Details:

- Order from the regular menu with separate checks for each attendee.
- A 20% gratuity will be added to each check.
- View the menu: [Click Here!](#)

Reserve Your Seats:

- Complete the reservation form: [Click Here!](#)





WSG Contest

Judge: Deidra MacKimmie

Contact Deidra MacKimmie or Arianne Ferguson for any questions regarding your WSG Entries.

BlownAwaySpecial@gmail.com

Entries \$5.00 each

Mailed entries must be postmarked no later than than October 7th, 2026!

BAARG, PO Box 65, Roosevelt, WA 99356

Entries will be accepted in person at WCC



Saturday 10 am - 12 pm
Deadline 12 pm SHARP!

Judging will begin at 1 pm!



All Entry Fees for the NARBC WSG shows all go to Tammy Vaughn by the entry deadline, either in person or through PayPal using Friends & Family.

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KAL/GAL Challenge

What is a KAL/GAL?

KAL/CAL is an acronym for Knit-Along or Crochet-Along. These events are typically hosted by pattern designers to showcase the release of a new pattern or coordinated by a fiber guild or LYS (Local Yarn Store) as a group event. A single pattern is chosen to be used, and the event usually has a set time frame for completion. Yarn choices can be recommended but are ultimately left up to each individual participant. There are a great fellowship and camaraderie between fiber artists as they work to complete their personal version of the chosen pattern.

What are the rules and guidelines for this Specialty Class?

Four patterns have been chosen, two from knit designers and two from crochet designers. Links will be included to each designer's site are provided in this guide. Please do not share printed copies or downloaded pattern files. These patterns are copyrighted by their respective designers, and their talents and skills should be respected.

All standard rules governing NARBC sponsored WSC competitions apply to this Specialty Class.

Specifically:

1. All yarns used must be at least 50% Angora fiber. Blend ratio must be listed on entry form/comment card.
2. If the yarn is purchased from a mill or fiber artist, list the name of the producer on the entry form/comment card.
3. While handspun yarns are not required, they are encouraged for use in the Specialty Classes. Technical skill and quality of handspun yarn will not factor into judging beyond suitability of the yarn for the pattern.



KAL/CAL cont...

Exceptions/Additions to WSG guidelines for Specialty Class

1. Entries in the Specialty Class are not eligible for Sweepstakes points, nor are they eligible for Best Garment, Best in Show, or Judge's Choice UNLESS:
 - a. Specialty Class entries may be dual entered in the appropriately indicated WSG class. A separate entry fee is required, along with a second comment card for the entry. The piece will be judged twice, once under each set of judging rubrics.
2. Exhibitors may enter one entry per Specialty class per Category.
3. Judges for the KAL/CAL will be selected at the discretion of the hosting WSG Committee.

How is the Specialty Class judged?

Please take the time to familiarize yourself with how the Specialty Classes will be judged. This point system does vary slightly from the NARBC WSG judging rubric.

Judging Rubric

25 points-- Appropriateness of yarn for pattern

- Fiber blend/presence of Angora fiber in yarn
- Weight/wpi of yarn
- Response of yarn in the pattern (drape, texture, handle)

25 points-- Correctness of stitches within pattern

- Tension of stitches
- Consistency of stitches
- Completeness of pattern, to include how closely pattern was followed.

25 points-- Appropriateness of yarn gauge

- Needle or hook size is appropriate for the yarn weight.
- The gauge of the work matches the pattern.

25 pts-- Overall appearance/aesthetics of yarn and technique in pattern





K&A/G&A cont...

Glasses and Awards

Knit Pattern Category:

- Class K1-- Beginner/Novice Pattern
- Class K2-- Intermediate/Advanced Pattern

Crochet Pattern Category:

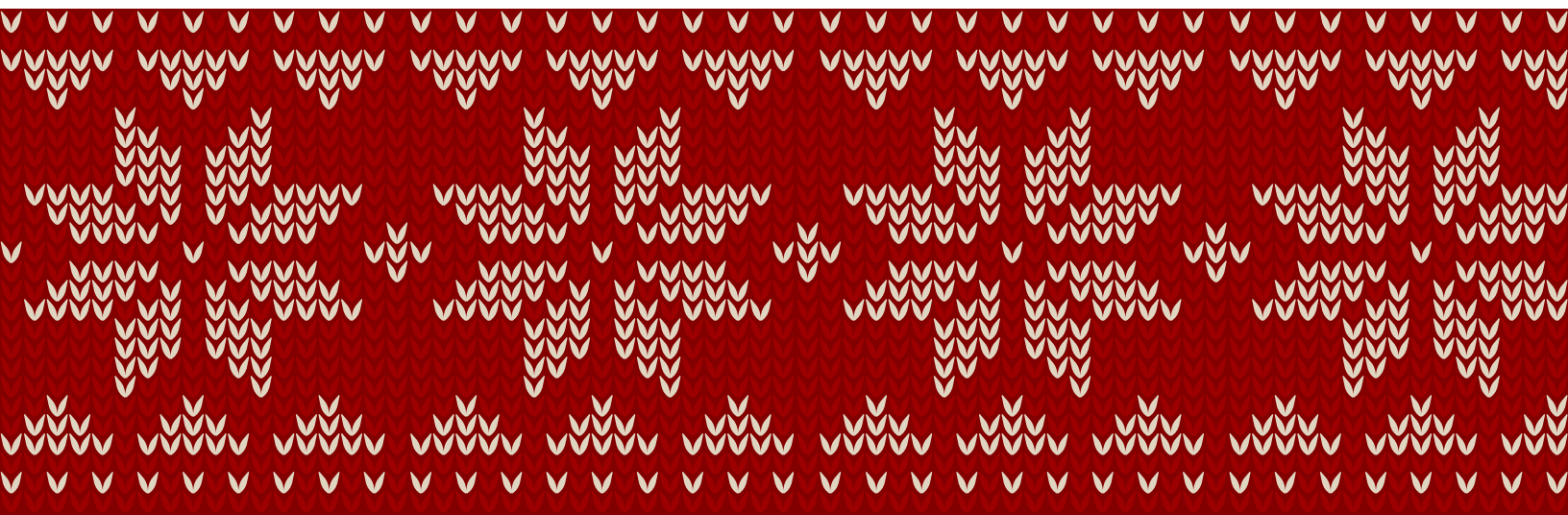
- Class C1-- Beginner/Novice Pattern
- Class C2-- Intermediate/Advanced Pattern

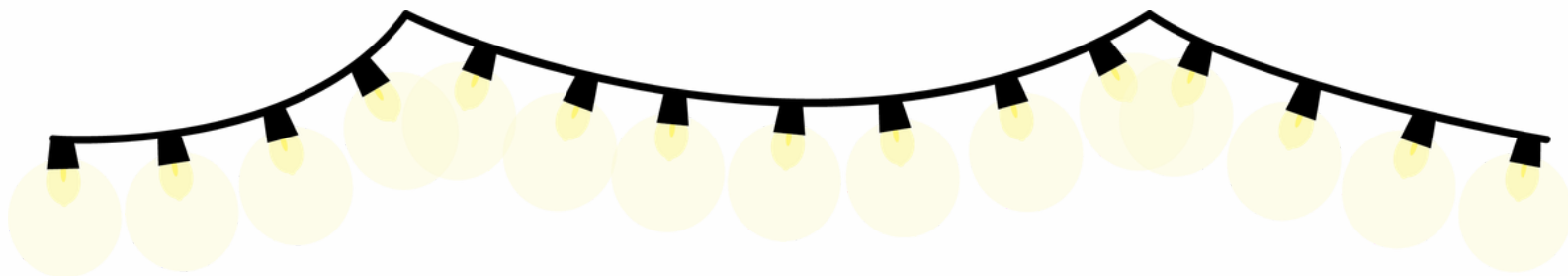


Ribbons are awarded for 1st through 3rd place in each class.

Best in Specialty Class award -- chosen from 1st place entries.

Pattern links are provided on the following pages and will also be posted on the NARBC Facebook page and in the Angora Newsletter. You may also reach out to the host team organizing the WSG competition for pattern links. Both WSG and the Specialty Classes are open to anyone who wishes to enter. Sweepstakes points and awards are only awarded to NARBC members.





KAL/GAL cont...

All patterns are available either for purchase on Ravelry or for free. Links are provided below each description.

Knitters:

Intermediate pattern is the Maurice Cowl by Joanna Herriott at Twinset & Purl. Choose from a shorter cowl or a longer cowl with this gorgeous knit piece with a lovely, detailed edge.



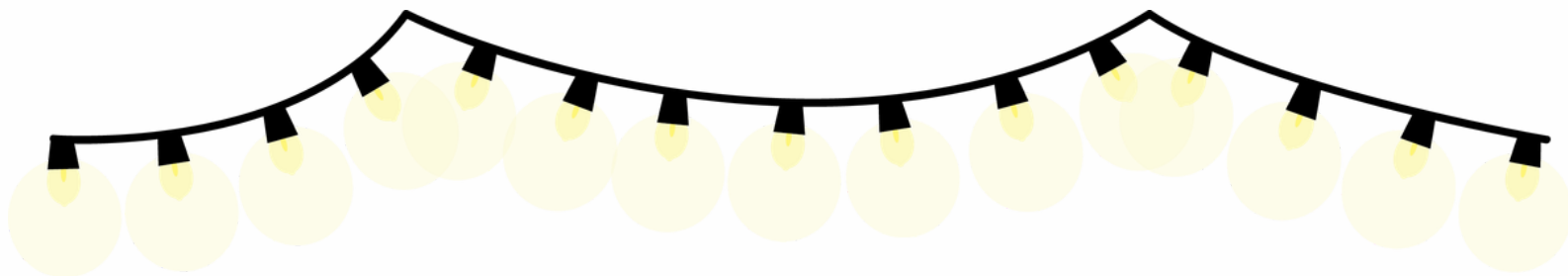
Pattern Link



Pattern Link

Beginner pattern is Secret Skein by Stephanie Lotven (Jellybean Knits). A delightfully lacy piece perfect for a 100% Angora fingering weight yarn or any blend of your choice!

If you have any questions or need help with your pattern or stitches, don't hesitate to ask! Angel Semerling - NARBCWSG@gmail.com



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Crocheters:

Intermediate pattern is Winter Ice by Carmen Heffernan at Annie Design Crochet, a delightfully light and airy mini shawl perfect for 100% Angora light fingering weight yarn with a classy tassel at each corner.



Pattern Link



Pattern Link



Beginner pattern is Sunny Skies Infinity Scarf by Stacy Wilkinson at Handmade by Stacy J. While it looks complex, it's a simple set of stitches placed a little differently to create a pretty pattern.

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The Road to WSG

A Convention Lead-Up Challenge for Wool, Skein & Garment Entries

Dream it. Plan it. Make it. Bring it to Reno!

Convention arrives quickly. The Road to WSG Lead-Up Challenge was created to help NARBC members begin early, make steady progress, ask questions, share ideas, and cheer one another on while preparing Wool, Skein & Garment entries for the 2026 Reno Convention.

What is the Road to WSG Challenge?

The Road to WSG is a fun, informal, community-centered challenge for anyone interested in creating a possible WSG entry. It is not a judged contest during the months leading up to convention. It is simply a friendly way to stay motivated, connected, and excited about working with Angora fiber.

Projects do not need to be finished to participate. Planning, preparing fiber, practicing a technique, solving a problem, or encouraging another member all count as meaningful progress.

What can you work on?

- Wool preparation, including washing, carding, combing, or blending
- Spinning, plying, sampling, or preparing skein entries
- Knitting, crocheting, weaving, or felting
- Garments, small fiber-art projects, or educational pieces
- Practice pieces that help you build confidence before convention





The Road to WSG cont...

How to participate each month

- Post a progress photo or share your project plan
- Attend a monthly meetup or join a show-and-tell
- Ask a question or help troubleshoot a challenge
- Encourage another participant
- Share any WSG-related progress, no matter how small

Participate at least once during the month and your name goes into that month's prize drawing. Each participant receives one entry per month, regardless of how many qualifying activities are completed.

Your Road to Reno

Five simple monthly themes keep projects moving forward.

Month	Theme	Focus
June	Dream, Plan, & Prep the Wool	Choose a project, gather fiber, or begin preparing wool.
July	Spin It Up	Spin, ply, sample, or begin your project.
August	Keep Going	Share progress, ask questions, and solve problems.
September	Finish Strong	Block, label, photograph, and prepare your entry.
October	Enter WSG!	Bring your creations to convention and celebrate!



The Road to WSG cont...

Community, encouragement, and prizes

Monthly meetups: Informal check-ins may include show-and-tell, progress updates, questions, tips from experienced members, and mini topics to help members prepare their entries.

Where to connect: The NARBC Mentoring Facebook Group is the main communication hub. The atmosphere is welcoming, helpful, and relaxed.

Monthly drawings: Participate at least once during the month to receive one entry in that month's prize drawing.

Grand prize drawing at convention

Every official WSG entry at the Reno Convention earns one ticket into the grand prize drawing. One entry earns one ticket. Three entries earn three tickets. The more you enter, the more chances you have to win.

Grand prize baskets may include Angora wool, handspun yarn, fiber tools, project bags, patterns, books, gift certificates, handmade items, and other fiber-inspired surprises.

Who can join?

Participation is open to current NARBC members interested in WSG. Whether you are preparing wool, spinning a skein, knitting, crocheting, weaving, felting, or simply learning where to begin, this challenge is for you.

Let's make WSG fun, welcoming, encouraging, and full of beautiful Angora creations!

