

NORSE WOMENS FIBER BALL



Gotland Bronze Age Viking Sheep

HAT CONTEST 2008

2008 Theme

Whether you call yourself Asatru, or a follower of the old Norse ways, or something in between, the hat you submit should reflect either Norse culture, The Old Norse religion, Norse Gods/ Goddesses; even events in our history.

Guidelines

The *hat or cap must be made by hand by knitting, crocheting, weaving, naalbinding, felting or some type of hand manipulated work. Knitting looms and rakes are acceptable. No machine knitting.

You can use store-bought or your own spun yarns. Weavers, please use a foot-powered loom and hand-thrown shuttles; frame, inkle and rigid heddle looms are also acceptable

If the hat is sewn from either commercial or handwoven fabric, it must be hand-sewn, even the seams (no machine sewing, please). There must also be some kind of needlework - IE: embroidery, blackwork, cross-stitch, counted thread embroidery and so on, that covers at least 1/4 of the surface area.

If you decide to quilt, the whole of the hat must be hand-stitched, piecing as well as quilting.

No machine embroidery or other type of top-stitching. No painting or gluing objects on the hat. You can use beads that are stitched on in embroidery or other needlework.

**For brevity, the word hat is used throughout.*

Only 1 hat may be entered per person. **Please do not send the hat!** Instead e-mail 5 photos of the hat. 1 close-up of stitching/design, 1 the inside of the hat, 3 should be pictures of the hat from different angles. The photos will be put on a webpage. Not every picture will appear on the webpage. So you may want to designate which picture you feel best shows your hat.

Please fill in the needed information and send it in along with pictures of your hat as stated below.

Name that you go by:

Name as it appears on driver's license:

State:

E-mail address:

Name of hat:

Brief description of hat and how it was made:

Would you like to enter your hat in a raffle?

(All monies received will be given to the Norse Womens Fiber Hall)

****Deadline for completed hat with pictures is March 1st 2008. Start sending in your photos on, Feb. 23, 2008. I will not accept any photos after noon - MST time on March 1st. NO EXEMPTIONS****

Your hat will be voted on by others. It will be an open vote. The voting days will be announced in the Norse Womens Fiber Hall. After that I will send an e-mail to the top Asatru groups (rated by Yahoo, not myself) asking them to vote. AT THAT TIME, please feel free to let others in any Asatru/Norse groups you belong to know about the vote. Please ask them to vote for the hat they like. Don't send out mass e-mails asking others to vote for your hat. Please do not place the voting information on webpages or in "open groups" until a winner is announced.

The voting process will be in a newly created and open to the public Yahoo group, so there will be no need to sign-up for the new group. There will be 5 days for voting. Your e-mail address will show when you vote. I hope that by keeping this to "ourselves" we can exclude some of the troubles that may happen, though there is no way to make this foolproof.

While making your hat, you may want to take pictures of the different steps or techniques used to be uploaded on our website at a later date.

You must be a member of the Norse Womens Fiber Hall to enter the contest. If you have any questions regarding your hat, please post them through our Yahoo group. The committee will then reply through there.

Unless there is an abundance of monies sent to the Norse Womens Fiber Hall, there will be no prize awarded this year. Although bragging rights can be a great trophy!

GOOD LUCK AND HAVE FUN!