Make-It-With-Wool Is More Than Fashion Show

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HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) An eye-catching fashion show held at the Keystone International Livestock Exposition (KILE) Sunday did more than stop area pedestrian traffic.

Onlookers saw the amazingly versatility of wool fabrics in vastly different textures, patterns, and finishes. Outfits made from wool T-shirt knits, challis, crepe, beaver, tweed, and the more familiar Woolrich and Pendleton wools showed that wool is truely a miracle fiber for fine tailoring and creative design.

Participants in the Make-It-Yourself-With-Wool (MIYWW) contest modeled outfits that they had spent months sewing for the event. Garments were judged on having a professional, finished look with 60 percent of the score based on fashion and 40 percent on construction.

Four divisions were held for the 15 participants. Although winners were selected from each category, the Pennsylvania MIYWW can afford to send only one contestant to the national convention in Reno.

Heidi Shroyk, junior winner, will receive the expense-paid trip. Heidi sewed a navy blue dress with

a checked navy blue and red shortcropped jacket.

If there is enough funding, Michelle Cornman, senior division winner, will also receive an expense-paid trip. Michelle stitched navy pants with a coordinating plaid jacket in navy and sand colors. Michelle is from Carlisle and attends Penn State studying dairy and animal science.

Preteen winner was Susanna Lyden of Industry and Elisa Grieco was runner-up. Runner-up in the junior division was Janelle Hoover of Denver. With the same dark green wool dress trimmed with black velvet collar and cuffs, Janelle had been a state finalist in the 4-H Fashion Revue.

Pam Marburger, defending state champion of the adult division, returned this year with a stunning interchangeable wardrobe of nine

A dairy farmwife and mother of two daughters from Crawford County, Pam used wool fabric presented to her for winning last year's state competition.

Her interchangeable wardrobe was built around navy blue tailored wool pants with a coordinating plaid jacket, a reversible vest, a skirt, wool-grain knit T-shirt top, and a red Woolrich coat with matching hat. She accessorized her

outfit with a matching scrunchie for her hair and a fabric tote bag.

Although Pam will not be traveling to the national competition, she will still compete. Pam will send professional photographs to the national MIYWW headquarters, where her garments will be judged against those from adult winners in other states.



Senior winner is Michelle Cornman.

"I'm shooting for the national title. Last year I entered the state contest for the first time and won, but I did not have time to send professional photographs to national competition. I needed to win at the state level again to enter national competition," Pam said.

Runner-up in the adult division



In the Make-It-With-Wool competition, Heidi Shroyk, right, wins the state junior title and receives an expensepaid trip to national competition. Junior runner-up is Janelle Hoover.

was Joan Klein of Darlington, who with her husband, George, raises purebred Herefords. Joan modeled

Judges were Bert Antram, Cindy Dlugolecki, and Marie Keiffer. State directors are Jodell Antram and Barbara Ann Shaffer.



Pam Marburger of Espyville stitched nine Items to win the adult title in the Make-It-With-Wool contest held at KILE.



Beaver County has the highest percentage of winners at the Make-It-With-Wool contest. From left are Melissa Lyden, Susanna Lyden, pre-teen winner; Joan Klein, runnerup in the adult division; and Elisa Grieco, runner-up in the pre-teen division.