

**Biography - 2009 AC Fibre Arts Competition Judge  
Cynthia Hyslop**



Cynthia Hyslop is part of the owner/management team at River City Yarns in Edmonton, Alberta. River City Yarns carries a wide variety of yarns and fibre from around the globe but is especially proud to feature locally produced items, including alpaca yarns and fibre from Alberta producers. In addition to her experience as a fibre retailer, Cynthia teaches workshops on a wide variety of knitting techniques and projects, crochet fundamentals, drop spindle spinning and dyeing. She is enrolled in the Master Spinner program at Olds Community College and continuously develops her knowledge and experience in fibre arts. In addition to taking workshops in knitting, she has recently studied and completed projects involving traditional rug hooking, weaving and felting. Cynthia is also a dyer and has a line of handpainted yarns under her own label, Stained Skeins. Cynthia's experience with alpaca fibres includes spinning and studying camelid fibres through the Olds College program and a spinning workshop on suri alpaca fibre in 2008. As a retailer and part of the buying team, she has been involved in judging the quality of yarn, fibre preparation and hand/machine produced samples for the store since 2006.