



## MSBA Annual Meeting in Frederick

The Maryland Sheep Breeders Association's annual meeting is October 23, and this year the dinner and meeting moves west to Frederick, at Dutch's Daughter Restaurant, 581 Himes Avenue.

At the annual meeting, new board members and new officers are elected by MSBA members in attendance. In addition, the Maryland Shepherd of the Year award is given.

The guest speaker for the evening is Andrea Loar, DVM. She'll speak on sheep reproduction. Dr. Loar is a native of Howard County, Maryland. She graduated from Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine in 2014; prior to veterinary school, Dr. Loar gained valuable experience

as a technician and practice manager for an emergency clinic. During her free time, Dr. Loar raises beef cattle with her husband, and enjoys caring for her horses, cats, and a dog.

The evening begins with a reception from 6–7 p.m. (cash bar, hors d'oeuvres). Dinner is at 7. Dr. Loar will address the group at 8 p.m.; following her talk will be the MSBA annual business meeting and election.

The cost is \$25 per adult; \$15 per child (under 12 years). R.S.V.P. for the dinner by October 14. Invitations have been mailed; if you didn't receive one or are not a current member, contact Kris Thorne at [msbamembershipchair@gmail.com](mailto:msbamembershipchair@gmail.com); 410-848-6971.

## Maryland shearer featured in broadcast

Our own Emily Chamelin was one of three "sheep entrepreneurs" featured in August on "The Whole Shebang," a radio show produced by the Heritage Radio Network ("Making Food Radio Since 2009"). Host John Wilkes interviewed three young sheep producers and discussed the forward thinking, ingenuity, and integrity of each of their operations.

Wilkes first interviewed two Californians with land management operations that use sheep.

Kaos Sheep Outfit owners Robert Irwin and his wife Jaime use their flock of more than 1,000 to provide a cleanup service for California vineyards after the year's grape harvest.

"My competition is tractors," Irwin says.

In addition to grazing the grass and weeds between the rows, the sheep consume unharvested or dropped fruit and lower leaves, removing disease-containing vegetative matter that otherwise would overwinter to threaten the

next year's crop. Leaf removal also allows good airflow in the vines. Close-cropped grass helps the soil warm up more quickly in the spring.

The second entrepreneur, Brittany Cole Bush, uses a combination of sheep and goats in a contract grazing business to reduce combustible brush and undergrowth in the Bay area of San Francisco, California.

According to Bush, "We're not just a mowing service—we are actually restoring the integrity of the landscape." The grazing and browsing have helped transform the landscapes by improving the nutrient cycle of the soils, helping open the lands to more plant diversity as the invasive and nuisance species have been consumed.

An interview with Chamelin rounded out the show. As a full-time shearer, she begins her shearing year in the Northeast before moving out West to shear the bigger rangeland flocks. She

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## National news & views

spoke to the host in the middle of an August shearing job in South Dakota.

“Being able to feel the animal through the head of the clippers is a large part of being a successful shearer,” said Chamelin.

Wilkes noted the extreme strength and fitness required for shearing, and asked how she managed it. “You can go to a gym and work out, but those aren’t the muscles you really use for shearing,” she said. She said the common complaint of shearers is how they hurt in the spring after the winter hiatus.

“Unless you’re doing it year round, you’re going to be in a lot of pain.”

Wilkes asked her about the challenges of shearing competitions in a male-dominated profession. While she says her fellow male shearers were welcoming, she acknowledged that “there is competitiveness in the shearing shed. And I wouldn’t say I’m not a competitive person.”

“It really takes a skilled person to handle an animal that weighs two to three times what you do,” Chamelin said. “When I started competing, I’d watch these big guys just pick up these huge sheep.” Chamelin said. She realized that in order to compete, instead of brute strength, she would have to “learn how to finesse” the handling part.

Wilkes and Chamelin also discussed the video by PETA earlier in the year of a sheep being mistreated at shearing, as part of a campaign to discourage consumers from wearing wool.

Listen to the program at [heritageradionetwork.org/series/the-whole-shebang](http://heritageradionetwork.org/series/the-whole-shebang). It is Episode 4)

“There is inherent risk in shearing an animal that is not totally on board with the project,” Chamelin said. That is where skill and experience, and the constant drive to improve kick in. “Shearers just hate to see any cuts; they work hard for that pristine sheep” at the end of the task.

Chamelin noted the push-back from multiple shearers after the PETA video, who then posted on Facebook images of the (un-nicked) sheep they’d just shorn.

“You are a wonderful ambassador; I salute you for what you do,” Wilkes said at the interview’s conclusion.

Many issues are currently of concern to the American Sheep Industry Association (ASI), your national organization. They include, but are not limited to, H-2A shepherders, domestic sheep grazing within bighorn sheep habitat, the U.S. Sheep Experiment Station, mandatory price reporting, and antimicrobial use in livestock.

Many MSBA members may think these issues do not apply to them or their operations—but

**We gotta flock together**



**Susan Schoenian**  
*ASI representative*

they are wrong. While most Marylanders are not likely to hire H-2a

(temporary foreign) workers, several years ago, the Department of Labor proposed making “unpopular” changes to children working on farms.

While there aren’t any bighorn sheep in Maryland (or grazing allotments on federal land), there are other kinds of wildlife that the government may seek to protect that might

restricting personal property rights. Producers in Idaho have to deal with bighorn sheep, while producers in Maryland might have to deal with bog turtles.

The U.S. Sheep Experiment Station is important to all sheep producers. It is the only research station in the United States dedicated to sheep production. Its contributions to the industry are too numerous to mention, but suffice it to say they are beneficial to producers regardless of their location or production practices. Research pertaining to animal health is particularly important to Maryland producers.

Mandatory price reporting is also important to all sheep producers. Even if you don’t market your animals through public outlets, you benefit from the information they provide. Publicly reported prices are the only way to determine the actual values of a sheep, lambs, or carcasses. This data can be used for grant and loan applications, as well as determining the price at which to sell your own products.

Antimicrobial use in the livestock industry impacts all of us. All animal industries need to work together to support reasonable policies on the use of antimicrobials (antibiotics) in livestock. If antibiotic use were restricted to veterinarians, animal welfare and farm profitability would likely suffer.

The bottom line is that we need to be a united industry. What happens in Idaho is relevant in Maryland and what happens in Maryland is relevant in Idaho. Loss of sheep farms anywhere can be devastating to the industry, as it further erodes infrastructure and market demand. It is the opinion of your ASI director that we need to be supportive of any issue that affects any sheep producer anywhere. We are one industry.

The next ASI Board of Director's meeting will be held at the annual ASI convention in Scottsdale, Arizona, January 27-30, 2016.



One priority for implementation of the Lamb Industry Roadmap is the improvement of sheep genetics in U.S. flocks.

The National Sheep Improvement Program (NSIP) has more flocks enrolled and more sheep

with EBVs (estimated breeding values) than ever before—thanks to support from the American Lamb Board and the National Sheep

Industry Improvement Center. The returns will be seen industry wide with the increased use of quantitative genetic selection—thereby improving the productivity and profitability of American sheep producers.

Continuing this momentum, NSIP was awarded funding from the ASI Let's Grow committee for the American Sheep Industry Genetic Improvement Initiative. The project includes creation of educational materials, such as

- The *Ram Buyers' Guide to Productivity Improvement*, to educate commercial producers about selecting rams based on estimated breeding values to increase productivity, and
- Productivity improvement case study videos that highlight commercial and seedstock producers who have embraced the technology of EBVs.

Workshops and field days are another part of the initiative. These are:

- Hands-on productivity improvement workshops, to be held across the United States to demonstrate the benefits of EBVs.
- Breeders' regional forums—workshops designed to train breeders on how to use NSIP to make

genetic improvement and how to market genetics into the commercial sector.

- Development of seedstock consortiums—facilitating working groups of like-minded breeders to expedite genetic improvement focusing on range and fine-wool producers.

This project is extensive in size and scope and is focused on educating the industry of the benefits that can be reaped when quantitative genetic selection is implemented.

If you have an event this year and you would like NSIP featured, contact Rusty Burgett at [info@nsip.org](mailto:info@nsip.org) or 515-708-8850.



ASI is conducting an online survey to help develop priorities for our industry and we need your input. "The priorities that you identify will help guide both public and private investments towards the most important needs in research, education and development," says Paul Rogers, ASI's deputy director of policy.

ASI wants your input on industry priorities

The survey will tell you when you are finished and the system will automatically store your responses in a confidential manner; your identity is not stored.

**The deadline to complete the survey is October 8.** "Please spend a few minutes answering the questions as soon as you can and help us get a good turn out for this survey," Rogers asks.

To take the survey, copy and paste the link below into your browser. (Internet Explorer users may need to add <http://> to the above link before copying and pasting.) [66.162.98.126:8080/limesurvey/index.php/968553?lang=en](http://66.162.98.126:8080/limesurvey/index.php/968553?lang=en)

*Volunteers attempt to gather sheep into a trailer as the Butte fire threatens the town of Sheep Ranch in California in September.*

*[Image from the Calaveras Cavalier]*







Image by Barbara Klein, of Nancy Cox Starkey's Kep

## Management Calendar

### Oct. 15

Pasture Management Field Day: Bean Hollow Grassfed Habitat Walk. 1-4 p.m. Over Jordan Farm, Flint Hill, VA. Free but registration is required: <http://pecva.org/events/pasture-management-field-day-habitat-walk>

### Nov. 4-5

Farmland Leasing Workshops. 1-6:30 p.m. Nov. 4, Charlottesville, VA; same time Nov. 5 in Middleburg, VA. State and national land leasing experts. Free but registration required. [www.pecva.org/events/farmland-leasing-workshop-in-charlottesville](http://www.pecva.org/events/farmland-leasing-workshop-in-charlottesville) and [www.pecva.org/events/farmland-leasing-workshop-in-middleburg](http://www.pecva.org/events/farmland-leasing-workshop-in-middleburg)

### Nov. 6-7

Sheep Basics Workshop, Blacksburg, VA. [sgreiner@vt.edu](mailto:sgreiner@vt.edu)

### Dec. 5

Lambing and Kidding School, Pylesville, MD. [sheepandgoat.com/#!2015lambkidschool/c5y1](http://sheepandgoat.com/#!2015lambkidschool/c5y1)

This year's Lambing & Kidding School moves to the northeastern part of Maryland, taking place at North Harford High School in Pylesville, Harford County, on Saturday, December 5. The high school is a cosponsor of the event.

The day-long program will feature separate, concurrent educational tracks for adults and youth (ages 8-18). The keynote speaker for the adult program will be Dr. Richard Ehrhardt. The youth program will be mostly hands-on.

Dr. Ehrhardt is the Small Ruminant Specialist

## Maryland Lambing, Kidding school in December

at Michigan State University. In addition to working with both large and small-scale producers, Dr. Ehrhardt is involved in the training of veterinary students. Other speakers will include Susan Schoenian, Karen

Holloway, Sara Meager BhaduriHauck, Dwayne Murphy, Chris Anderson, Dr. Angela Black, and Dan Severson.

The pre-registration deadline for the school is November 20. The registration fee is \$40 per adult and \$30 for youth (ages 8-18). The fee includes morning refreshments, lunch, door prizes, and resource materials. Adult participants will receive resource materials via a flash drive (notebook, extra charge).

You can register online at [EventBrite](http://EventBrite.com) at [2015lambkidschool.eventbrite.com](http://2015lambkidschool.eventbrite.com). You can pay by credit card; there is a small fee to do so. Or mail your registration information and payment to the Lambing & Kidding School, Western Maryland Research & Education Center, 18330 Keedysville Road, Keedysville, MD 21756. Make your check payable to the University of Maryland.

For more information, go to [www.sheepandgoat.com/#!2015lambkidschool/c5y1](http://www.sheepandgoat.com/#!2015lambkidschool/c5y1) or go to [www.sheepandgoat.com](http://www.sheepandgoat.com) and choose Lamb Kid School from the Program drop-down menu.



Since 2011, University of Maryland Extension has been holding a winter webinar series (short course) for small ruminant producers. Each webinar series has consisted of four to six webinars, united by a common theme, such as nutrition, health, or breeding.

## Winter webinar schedule set

The 2016 webinar series will cover six (mostly) unrelated topics:

- toxic plants,
- EBVs,
- mineral and vitamin nutrition,
- sericea lespedeza,
- alternative dewormers, and
- internal parasite control.

Speakers will include Susan Schoenian and Jeff Semler, University of Maryland Extension; Dr. Tom Terrill, Fort Valley State University (Georgia); Dr. Dan Morrill, Iowa State University; and Dr. Dahlia O'Brien, Virginia State University; and Dr. Gareth Bath, University of Pretoria (South Africa).

The webinars will be held on consecutive Thursday nights beginning on February 4 and ending on March 10. With the exception of the webinar originating in South Africa, all webinars will begin at 7 p.m. EST. The webinar from South Africa will be held at a time convenient to the speaker.

Each webinar will last for approximately one hour. Additional time will be allotted for questions. Interaction will be via a chat box.

All webinars will be recorded and edited, and will be available for viewing using Adobe Connect. They will also be converted to YouTube videos. PowerPoint presentations will be uploaded to SlideShare. All links pertaining to these and past webinars are/will be available at [www.sheepandgoat.com/#!webinars/cu81](http://www.sheepandgoat.com/#!webinars/cu81).

Preregistration is not required for any of the webinars. Participation is open to the first 100 people who log on. Anyone with an internet connection may participate. A high-speed connection is recommended. Log-on instructions are shared via a listserv. To subscribe to the listserv, send an e-mail to [listserv@listserv.umd.edu](mailto:listserv@listserv.umd.edu). In the body of the message, write subscribe sheepgoatwebinars. All communication pertaining to the webinars is done via the listserv.



The 2015 Sheep Management Basics Workshop at Virginia Tech is set for Nov. 6 and 7 at the Copenhaver Sheep Center in Blacksburg. It is sponsored by Virginia Cooperative Extension, Virginia Tech, and Virginia State University.

This workshop is designed for those with a limited amount of experience in the care and management of sheep. Special emphasis will

## Virginia sheep basics workshop in November

Participants will get hands-on experience with ewes that will be lambing during the two-day workshop. The workshop begins at 10 a.m. Friday; on Saturday it concludes at 3 p.m.

Topics will include facilities and handling, newborn lamb management, flock health, nutrition and feeding management, reproductive management, basic record keeping, and selection.

This workshop is limited to 25 participants. The cost is \$40 per person. First-time participants will be given preference. Registrations are due by October 10.

To register send your name, address, phone, email address, and check to Dr. Scott

Greiner, Department of Animal & Poultry Sciences, Virginia Tech, 366 Litton Reaves Hall, Blacksburg, Virginia 24061. For more information phone 540-231-9159, or email [sgreiner@vt.edu](mailto:sgreiner@vt.edu).



The Virginia Forage and Grassland Council invites producers to the 2016 Winter Forage Conferences in January. This year's conference theme is "Tall Fescue in the 21st Century: Understanding and Managing Tall Fescue in Grazing Systems."

The conferences, will commence at 8:30 a.m. and conclude at 3:30 p.m., and will be repeated at four locations across the state of Virginia:

- January 26, 2016 Blackstone
- January 27, 2016 Wytheville
- January 28, 2016 Weyers Cave
- January 29, 2016 Brandy Station.

Speakers will include Dr. Glenn Aiken, (ARS Lexington, Kentucky); Dr. Craig Roberts (University of Missouri); Dr. John Andrae (Clemson University); Mr. Pat Burch, (Dow AgroSciences); Mr. Matt Booher and Mr. John Benner (VA Cooperative Extension); and local producers at each location. Registration information will be posted soon at [vaforages.org](http://vaforages.org).

Fescue topic of forage conferences



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# Sheep Arts & Letters



Domesticated at least 9,000 years ago, *Ovis aries* has embedded itself in our culture. This page captures some of the more unusual manifestations of this human-animal bond.

On stage in London: King Lear with Sheep

*A review from The Telegraph of London, by Chris Bennion, August 14, 2015:*

In terms of “does what it says on the tin” titles, “King Lear with Sheep” takes some beating. An abridged version of Shakespeare’s great tragedy performed by one man and several sheep, it is every bit as odd and wondrous as that sounds.

The temptation is to ram this review full of puns, but that would do a disservice to a highly imaginative production (written by Missouri Williams) that almost captures the spirit of the original. Quite some feat when you consider the casting.

On stage—which is little more than a pen—a director (Alasdair Saksena) apologises for his actors’ late arrival for tonight’s performance of King Lear. When they eventually make their entrance it’s a sight that I can quite confidently say is currently unparalleled on the British stage. Lear’s horns are magnificent. Goneril chews a curtain.

However, the sheep refuse to perform, causing the director to lash out at his silent stars, especially Cordelia. “Nothing will come of nothing, speak again” he rails. The odd bleat here and there convinces you that they have perfect comic timing.

These are no ordinary sheep. Their resumés include *The Apprentice*, *Good Morning Britain*, and Best Crossbred Ewe at 2014’s Lambeth Country Show. Saksena risks being upstaged at every turn by his ovine co-stars. That he isn’t is testament to a meaty performance that captures the pride, anger, and blind vanity of the old

king: as the director decides to take charge of the situation, he becomes increasingly Lear-like. The heath scene, Gloucester’s gruesome eye-gouging, Lear’s anger towards Goneril and Regan are all directed towards the impassive flock, whose

*A still from “King Lear with Sheep.”*



presence render everything tragic and wholly ridiculous.

When Saksena embraces Cordelia (aptly played by a tremendously handsome black sheep) to deliver Lear’s final words, it becomes something rather beautiful. The piece could have stood several more moments like this. At not too much over 30 minutes it feels too slight to build upon its ingenious premise. However, you’re not likely to see a more talented flock of sheep onstage this year. A ewe-nique production.

*The final performance was October 5, at the Courtyard Theatre Hoxton. Sorry you missed it.*



*A Climo painting, after the 18th century study of facial expression by Daniel Chodowiecki.*

Lindee Climo was born in 1948 in Boston and began to draw domestic animals at a young age.

## Fine art

Her mother was a student at the Maryland Art Institute in Baltimore when she met her father during WW II, a junior naval officer, electronics engineer, and a pilot. As Climo writes on her website, [lindeeclimo.com](http://lindeeclimo.com). “When I was nine, he agreed that I could keep a few animals as long as they paid for themselves. He co-signed a bank loan for my first sheep and taught me to silk screen so that I could make and sell Christmas cards when I thought I might run out of feed money.”

Her college education included travel, and study of works by Michaelangelo and other masters. “I found myself adapting aspects of Renaissance paintings into heartfelt portraits of my animals.”

Climo now lives in Nova Scotia, where she still surrounds herself with animals (and presumably still pays for their upkeep with her artwork). Her works, having been exhibited internationally, including at the National Museum of Women in the Arts, Washington, D.C. (1996), show a thorough understanding of animal movement and expression, and a wry and luxurious exploration of their form in a series of paintings in which sheep replace humans in famous paintings.

The 21st annual symposium of the Dairy Sheep Association of North America is November 5-7 at the University of Wisconsin in Madison, Wisc. The three-day conference annually brings together dairy sheep producers, artisanal cheese makers, and industry affiliates from throughout North America.

## Sheep dairy symposium in November

Presentations will encompass the range of issues important to sheep dairies, from udder health, feeding and nutrition, artificial rearing of lambs, milking machine basics, startup challenges, marketing strategies, effects of non-GMO labeling, and more, including field trips to local dairies. The trade show provides dairywomen and men with a look at facilities and equipment options.

A sheep cheese-making workshop November 4 is an option for attendees for an extra fee of \$165. Participants will learn the basics of using sheep milk to make Camembert, Manchego, Cheddar, and fresh soft Chevre type cheeses in this unique, one-day, hands-on workshop at the Wisconsin Center for Dairy Research (CDR). The workshop will be led by CDR staff and renowned cheese maker Brenda Jensen.

Registrations after October 16 require a \$35 late fee. You can download the symposium brochure at [www.dsana.org/resources/Documents/2015/Brochure-Final-Word%207-27-15.pdf](http://www.dsana.org/resources/Documents/2015/Brochure-Final-Word%207-27-15.pdf).



## Marketing

The nor'easter and the threat of Hurricane Joaquin in the mid-Atlantic the weekend of October 3-4 resulted in the cancellation of the Fall Fiber Festival and Sheepdog Trials in Montpelier, Virginia, which provides a venue for many producers of fiber and finished products direct marketed by shepherds in the region.

## New venue offered after Joaquin cancels festival

A Montpelier shepherd, Betsy McPherson, has organized and is publicizing an event to connect buyers with sellers who missed out due to these weather events. The "Post-Joaquin Fleece Sale" is set for 11 a.m. Sunday, October 18.

She asks shepherds and fiber lovers to publicize the event on their Facebook pages, and spread the word. Contact her for more information: [betsympc711@gmail.com](mailto:betsympc711@gmail.com), 804-883-5078.

## Marketing Calendar

### Oct. 18

Post-Joaquin Fleece Sale. 11 a.m. Montpelier, VA. Contact Betsy McPherson, [betsympc711@gmail.com](mailto:betsympc711@gmail.com), 804-883-5078

### Nov. 4-7

Dairy Sheep Association of North America Symposium. Madison, WI. [www.dsana.org](http://www.dsana.org)

### Nov. 27-28

Delmarva Wool and Fiber Expo. 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., Ocean City, MD. [www.woolandfiber.com](http://www.woolandfiber.com) or [www.facebook.com/woolandfiber](http://www.facebook.com/woolandfiber); [schilds2@verizon.net](mailto:schilds2@verizon.net)

### Dec. 14

Sheep sale. 2 p.m., Farmers Livestock Exchange, Winchester, VA, 540-667-1023, [www.farmerslivestock-va.com](http://www.farmerslivestock-va.com); [farmerslivestock@hotmail.com](mailto:farmerslivestock@hotmail.com)

**POST-JOQUIN FLEECE SALE**

**WHEN:** Sunday, October 18th at 11 AM  
**HOST:** Love Ewe Farm (804) 883-5078  
**WHERE:** The McPhersons'  
 14585 Clazemont Rd  
 Montpelier, VA 23192

Apple & Mulled Cider as Refreshments

Shepherds, \$5 and a plate of cookies would be greatly appreciated, along with a table to display items for sale.

\*Weather permitting!

The Delmarva Wool and Fiber Expo is recruiting vendors for a November 27-28 event, to be held indoors at Northside Park in Ocean City, Maryland. The Winterfest of Lights, a beautiful light display that draws about 10,000 people for the Friday and Saturday nights of this weekend (Thanksgiving weekend), will be occurring at the same time. "We will have the opportunity to have those visitors walk through our expo!" says event organizer Susan Childs.

More information and an application form can be found on the website, [www.woolandfiber.com](http://www.woolandfiber.com) and facebook page, [www.facebook.com/woolandfiber](http://www.facebook.com/woolandfiber). For additional information contact Susan Childs, [schilds2@verizon.net](mailto:schilds2@verizon.net), 443-235-2926.

## Ocean City Fiber Fest seeks vendors





January. Maryland is the first and only state to have back-to-back adult winners: Kathy Holter from Frederick County in 2008, and Rachel Dyky from Carroll County in 2009.

From January 28 to 30, 2016, the top Junior and Senior individuals will represent Maryland in the National MIWW Competition in Scottsdale, Arizona. This event is one of the featured activities during the American Sheep Industry Annual Meeting and Convention. The weekend concludes with the National MIWW Fashion Show and Awards Presentation on Saturday night. Over the years, Maryland participants have consistently placed in the top recognition group.

With the retirement of the National Director this past January (after 23 years of service), Maryland MIWW Director, Judy Williamson, is one of three individuals providing leadership at the National Level.

The Third Annual Sewing with Wool School is being planned for mid-March. During the workshop, each participant will construct a lined garment appropriate to their skill level. As in previous years, each participant will be coached by a sewing expert, including former MIWW participants, sewing teachers and volunteers. A registration fee covers some of the workshop costs including: wool and lining fabrics, threads, patterns and sewing notions, a Sewing with Wool Notebook, lunch, and snacks.

It is anticipated that 90 percent of the 2015 Wool School participants will enter their garments in the October Competition.

And, attendees at the 2016 Maryland Sheep & Wool Festival will be greeted by MIWW participants selling Wool Wax Creme, a natural emollient creme made from lanolin. The proceeds help fund the various costs of maintaining an active educational Make It with Wool program in Maryland. MIWW also conducts mini wool workshops and a wool fashion show during the Festival.

Maryland Make It with Wool has been held since the early 1960s. The activity is funded in part by grants from the Maryland Sheep Breeders Association (in part with Wool Outreach Funds from ASI) and the Maryland Agricultural Fair Board, with prize support from local sewing businesses. For additional information about Maryland Make It with Wool, registration information for the Sewing with Wool School, an entry form for the 2016 Competition or to purchase Wool Wax Creme, contact Maryland Director Judy Williamson at [judy10503@aol.com](mailto:judy10503@aol.com).  
—Judy Williamson

Maryland Make It with Wool has another busy year of sewing-related activities planned beginning October 2015 through May 2016.

## Make It With Wool state contest October 10

First on the agenda is the 2015 Maryland Make It with Wool Competition on October 10 at the Carrol County Ag Center. Participants divided into four age divisions—Preteen, Junior, Senior and Adult—will show and discuss with a panel of sewing experts the garment(s) they have sewn, knitted, or crocheted using a minimum of 60% wool.

While the construction of each garment is being evaluated, participants will attend fashion, sewing, and modeling workshops. Afterward (at about 2:30 p.m.), a Fashion Show and Awards presentation will be held for families and friends, including Maryland Sheep Breeders Association members, in Burns Hall. Awards, based on construction, appearance, modeling, and the marketability/promotion of wool, will be presented.

The top winners in each of the four age divisions will be invited to model their garments for the attendees at the MSBA Annual Dinner Meeting on October 23 in Frederick.

Maryland's Adult winner will send her garment(s) with still photos and a modeling recording to the National Adult Competition judging in Kansas in mid-December. The National Adult Winner will participate in the National MIWW Event in



2015 MIWW National winners, from left: Adult winner, Dianne Galloway, Ohio; Junior winner, Kris Puckrin, Ohio; Senior winner, Jenna LeGred, Minnesota; Fashion Design winner, Kristin Morris, Cornell University





The Maryland Sheep Breeders Association is pleased to announce that Brittany Lippy and Aislinn Latham were selected to receive this year's scholarship awards.

There were a total of six applicants, all of whom submitted very impressive applications. The scholarship committee was very impressed with the involvement and achievements of the applicants.

Ms. Brittany Lippy grew up on a small farm in Carroll County. She is currently attending Oklahoma State University, majoring in animal science, biochemistry, and molecular biology. Her career goals include working for a biotechnology company, and owning a sheep and swine farm. She not only bred and showed lambs growing up, but was very active in the Maryland Make It With Wool contest and livestock judging. Brittany is currently serving as one of the Maryland Lamb and Wool princesses.

Ms. Aislinn Latham grew up on a farm in Frederick County. She is attending the Ohio State University, majoring in animal science with a bioscience specialization. She aspires to become a large animal veterinarian. Aislinn has been involved in breeding and showing sheep, livestock judging, sewing, and was a member of the state livestock skillathon team, which traveled to Louisville, Kentucky. She also served as the



*Scholarship winners: Brittany Lippy, above, and Aislinn Latham, right.*

Frederick County 4-H Sheep Ambassador. She and her family have been involved with the breed display and parade of breeds for several years at the Maryland Sheep & Wool Festival.

Both recipients were recognized at the Maryland State Fair awards night on September 5, 2015. MSBA encourages any high school senior or college student to apply for the scholarship in 2016.

—Ashley Stevens-Travis  
Scholarship Committee Chair

An updated version of the Maryland Sheep Breeders Association Directory of members and their products was published just in time for distribution at the Maryland State Fair. This directory is not a comprehensive list of MSBA members; it only includes those members who specifically request to be included.

**MSBA member directory published**

Copies are handed out at fairs, festivals, and farmers' markets across the state. If you would like some copies to hand out, please contact MSBA membership chair Kris Thorne at [msbamembershipchair@gmail.com](mailto:msbamembershipchair@gmail.com).

We welcome your feedback on the directory. When you are contacted by potential customers, we'd love to know if they found you through your listing in the directory.

The winners are in from the Wool Fleece & Fiber Show at the 70th annual Howard County Fair from August 8 to 25.

Seven exhibitors entered 13 fleeces in three different classes. Lindsay Chatkewitz of Glenelg had the first place White Wool Medium fleece. This lovely Montadale fleece also won Champion White Wool Fleece and Grand Champion Fleece. Carol McConaughy of Mt. Airy had the first place White Wool Long fleece and first place Natural Colored Long Fleece. Her Leicester Longwool fleece was the Champion Natural Colored Fleece. Revisions to the rules and an increase in premiums are in the works for 2016. Note for next year: Remember, you don't have to live in Howard County to enter!

**Howard Fair fleece show winners**

The Maryland Sheep Breeders Association was well represented by members Lyn Ingram and Greg Thorne at this year's Lamb Day promotion in the Maryland Food Pavilion at the Maryland State Fair on September 4.

## Lamb dishes served up at State Fair

Lyn handed out samples of a lamb rice bowl, featuring mildly seasoned curried rice with raisins served in small cups topped with slices of grilled leg of lamb. The lamb samples were donated by Jeff Martinez of Eastport Concessions, who mans the lamb commodity booth in the pavilion throughout the fair.

"Jeff has built up a loyal following and continues to attract more customers each year by continually changing his menu. This year's dish was very popular and encouraged many to try lamb for this first time," says Lyn.

In addition to the lamb samples, Lyn had literature and recipes promoting lamb for fairgoers to take home, as well as the newly revised Maryland Sheep Breeders Association Directory of Members and Their Products. The directory was also handed out in the Farm & Garden Building and the sheep show ring.

Greg Thorne, who has become a Lamb Day fixture, was on hand during the day with his spinning wheel to chat about wool and demonstrate the art of hand spinning. His spinning wheel attracted many children into the booth. Lunchtime was busy and dinnertime was even busier. Celebrity visitors included Maryland Secretary of Agriculture Joe Bartenfelder and Lieutenant Governor Boyd Rutherford.

"We are well represented in Annapolis by these people who know the importance of agriculture to the state, and in the food industry by a caterer who knows how to prepare our product," said Lyn.

MSBA is deeply appreciative of Eastport Concessions for donating the samples that make Lamb Day possible.



The Frederick County Sheep Breeders (FCSB) annual dinner is on Friday, November 6 at Dutch's Daughter Restaurant in Frederick. Members will receive an Evite for the event, and can RSVP electronically.

A pianist will provide background music for this year's event. The event begins at 5:30 (you can pay for your dinner, your 2016 dues, and socialize; there is a cash bar). The buffet dinner commences at 6:15. Emcee Dahl Drenning will introduce special guests at 7:30. At 8 p.m. election of officers for 2016-2017

## Frederick shepherds' dinner November 6

### Hottest new knitting pattern:



officers will be held, followed by announcement of the 2015 FCSBA Shepherd of the Year Award.

Cost for the dinner is \$25 for adults and \$18.75 for children. You can pay for the dinner (and your dues) at the door, but be sure to let secretary Patty Sanville know in the Evite how many will be coming, so that we can get the numbers to the restaurant.

The evening will end with those all-important door prizes, gathered by Charlotte Dutton.

Members not attending the annual dinner, can mail their \$20 dues to Dawn Richardson, FCSB Treasurer, 2710A Monument Road, Myersville, MD 21773.



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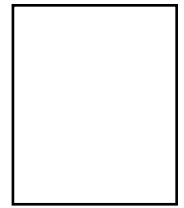
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The Maryland Sheep Breeders Association meets every other month on the second Monday. Meetings are open to members. For minutes of meetings and meeting times, contact the MSBA Secretary, Lee Langstaff, [lmangstaff@gmail.com](mailto:lmangstaff@gmail.com).

## Membership application MARYLAND SHEEP BREEDERS ASSOCIATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Farm Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please include me in the MSBA Breeders Directory.

Web URL: \_\_\_\_\_

Breed(s): \_\_\_\_\_ No. Ewes: \_\_\_\_\_

What do you offer?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Breeding stock       | <input type="checkbox"/> 4-H club lambs                |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Crafts               | <input type="checkbox"/> Finished products & wearables |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shearing services    | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (attach details)        |

Send form and \$25 check made payable to MSBA to Kris Thorne,  
Membership Chair, 1130 Martin Drive, Westminster, MD 21157

## Join *the*

### MARYLAND SHEEP BREEDERS ASSOCIATION

...and become part of an active organization that sponsors the Maryland Sheep & Wool Festival—the premier event of its kind in the nation—the Maryland Wool Pool, Sheep Shearing School, various youth activities, and a variety of educational functions.

#### Here are sponsored events and activities for 2015:

- April 17 & 18: Beginning Shearing School
- May 2-3: MD Sheep & Wool Festival (Check out the free Shepherd Seminars and Shepherd & Fiber Arts Workshops)
- June 17: Maryland Wool Pool (Timonium, State Fairgrounds)
- October 23: Annual Meeting & Dinner

#### As a member you will:

- join an active and friendly community of shepherds.
- receive the quarterly *Maryland Sheep News* and keep up on events, get educational articles, and have a local, place to advertise.
- pay a reduced commission on all fleeces sold at the Maryland Sheep & Wool Festival Fleece Show & Sale.
- receive a copy of the Maryland Sheep & Wool Festival catalog.

Annual membership/subscription fee: \$25. (If you bring wool to the Maryland Wool Pool, membership in MSBA is deducted on wool sales over \$40.) The membership year runs from October through September. Dues for membership received prior to June 1, 2015, will be accepted as paid through September 30, 2015. Dues received on or after June 1 (including dues deducted at the Maryland Wool Pool and the MD Sheep & Wool Festival) will be accepted as paid through September 30, 2016.