A Big Thank You!
Steve, Stacy & Callie Taylor

Our family would like to take this opportunity to thank the American Border Leicester Association and its members for the wonderful welcome and encouragement that has been extended to our daughter Callie. Over the last couple years, she has begun her junior career as a new breeder of Border Leicesters. Callie first started in the breed sort of by accident as we purchased a set of commercial ewes that included eight bred Border Leicesters. As we lambed these ewes, Callie then five years old, thought the lambs were adorable and soon realized she was able to get in the lambing pens with the ewes and they would not chase her away or try to hurt her. For hours, Callie enjoyed just sitting with the ewes and lambs and having them play around her. Hence our journey began!

Having been involved with various other breeds for many years, my husband and I soon realized that Border Leicesters were a breath of fresh air to work around and raise. A very gentle, easy keeping breed, with an abundance of worthy traits, both in the lambing barn and the show ring.

As Callie’s involvement with ABLA began, its members have been very warm and inviting offering advice and encouragement. We could not have asked for a better set of people to help mold and strengthen our daughter’s experiences with her sheep and for that we cannot thank you enough.

ABLA shows great support of its junior members and our daughter was extremely excited to participate in the ewe lamb futurity program sponsored by ABLA last year. She would like to thank ABLA for giving her and other young members this and other opportunities and hopes to participate more in the future.

Lastly, we would like to thank all the various breeders across the country who have been kind enough to allow us to purchase their genetics in hopes to build a quality breeding program for Callie. We are extremely excited about our family’s future within the Border Leicester breed and look forward to developing even stronger relationships with the members of ABLA.
President’s Message

Greetings from Wisconsin.
I am honored to serve you as your president for the next year. The board is working on many new items in the next year. A board is only as strong as the membership it serves. I would love to hear any ideas for the association that you may have. I would like to welcome Bill Koeppel as the treasurer for the association. Volunteers are the backbone to any organization. As volunteers, the board tries to serve the membership to the best of their ability. Your voice to the board members will help us in our job to better serve you.

What a difference a year makes. Last year we were dry and had a poor season for the hay crop. Now this year rain has been plentiful and the only problem has been getting good hay bailed without it being rained on. The price of hay is still high and people are bailing waterway and roadside grass to sell. The great news is the ewes are getting fat on lush pastures. These Border Leicesters are such easy keepers compared to some of those big framed sheep.

Marketing our nice fat lambs has become more challenging with the onslaught of still too many yearlings being sold as fat lambs. How can we bad mouth the imported lamb when we are not providing the quality lamb that our consumers desire. I wish everyone a prosperous year and may the fleece be with you!

--Mark Korf
Delavan, Wisconsin

Neck of the Woods

What’s happening in YOUR neck of the woods?
Here’s an update from your Directors...

Hello to all from beautiful Michigan!

Spring was normal this year in temperature and much needed rainfall along with many great lambs who are growing fast. As I write this we look forward with hope to a bountiful hay harvest for everyone. Our state has many outstanding shows for youth and is host this year to the All American Junior Show in Lansing the week of July 4th. Many County Fairs abound for 4-H. We expect Border Leicesters to have a good showing at the Michigan Fiber Festival a friendly, low-key family event in mid-August (www.michiganfiberfestival.info) and the privately revived Great Lake State Fair (aka Michigan State Fair). All are welcome. Please call or email questions. A wonderful summer to all. --Linda Koeppel
The ABLA Newsletter is published quarterly. It is a compilation of submissions from members. We value your contributions. The submission deadline for the next issue is October 5th. Please send your news to the Newsletter Editor at: newsletter@abl/sheep.org

Youth News

Terence Blake of Ludlow, Massachusetts, and a member of the Pioneer Valley Young Shepherds 4=H Club won Champion A.O.B. Ewe with his white yearling ewe purchased as a lamb from Maybe Tomorrow Farm, as well as Champion A.O.B. ram with his home raised natural colored junior ram lamb, at the Massachusetts Sheep and Wool Craft Fair held over Memorial Day Weekend at the Cummington Fairgrounds in Cummington, MA.

Feature Recipe

Grilled Rack of American Lamb with Dijon-Balsamic Glaze

Reprinted from www.americanlamb.com

# Servings: 4

3 pounds boneless American Lamb leg, butterflied
Salt and pepper, to taste
Lay lamb leg open on a cutting board. Trim off visible fat. Season lamb generously with salt and pepper; allow to sit at room temperature for 30 minutes prior to grilling.

Tzatziki
2 cups Greek yogurt
1 small cucumber, peeled, seeded and grated on large holes of grater
1 tablespoon fresh chopped dill
1 tablespoon fresh chopped mint
1 tablespoon extra virgin olive oil
1-1/2 teaspoons red wine vinegar
1 teaspoon sea salt
1/8 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
8 authentic Greek pitas (not pocket bread)
1 pint grape tomatoes, sliced
1 small cucumber, sliced
1 bunch mint leaves

Preparation time: 30 minutes
Cook time: 40-50 minutes

In a medium-sized bowl, combine yogurt, cucumber, dill, mint, oil, vinegar, salt and pepper; keep cold until serving.
Preheat grill to medium-high. Grill lamb leg to medium-rare (remove from heat when thermometer registers between 130°F and 135°F, or to desired doneness). Rest lamb, lightly covered, for at least 10 minutes before serving.
Slice lamb across the grain into thin slices. Place some lamb slices in the middle of each pita; top with tomatoes, cucumber slices, mint leaves and Tzatziki sauce; fold pita like a taco.
REGISTRATION SHEEP

Fill out any ABLA application for registration you may already have or if you do not have a form, please visit the “Registering Sheep” page on the website at www.ablasheep.org and download an Application for Registration Form. Send all forms for registering your sheep to:

American Border Leicester Association
PO Box 51, 222 Main Street
Milo, IA 50166
Phone: 641/942-6402
Fax: 641/942-6502
Email: asregistry@yahoo.com

REGISTRATION FEES
Members ..................................$5.00
Non-members ............................$10.00

TRANSFER FEES
Members ..................................$5.00
Non-members ............................$5.00

Be sure to include all the necessary and correct information on the forms in order to register your sheep. Applications that are incomplete, incorrect, or lacking fees will be returned to the sender with an explanation of the problem. Applications will not be accepted unless an ABLA Application for Registration Form is filled out for all animals to be registered by the breeder/owner.

American Border Leicester Association Futurity Contest

There has been great enthusiasm this year for the ABLA Futurity Contest. I am happy to report, so far we have over 40 ewes nominated!! Thank you to all those who nominated their entries in the National Sale in May. I am sure these nominations along with the five Youth Buyer Credits that ABLA gave out, enticed more youth bidders and buyers at the National Sale. I am also happy to report I have also received ‘home grown’ ewe nominations by our youth this year. This is great!

Everyone, please remember your nominations must be made before show season – so, kids, if you haven’t nominated your animal – or, adults if you have sold a ewe lamb or yearling ewe to a youth – nominate that animal TODAY!

I would also like to remind the youth showman to send in your Futurity Point Record Forms signed by the show secretary soon after that particular show. Each futurity ewe may compete in an unlimited number of shows, but only the top five (5) point cards will be used for each futurity ewe to determine the final score and placing. I encourage youths to send in all your point cards.

The Futurity Forms are available on the ABLA website www.ablasheep.org. Any questions, feel free to contact me @ khop4811@aol.com or give me a call.

Keep promoting those Border Leicesters!! --Polly Hopkins

Start at the Top with Border Leicesters!
Keystone International Livestock Show adds Border Leicesters to Show Lineup

The Keystone International Livestock Show (KILE) is pleased to announce the addition of the Border Leicester breed to their 2013 sheep show lineup. In addition to an open and junior sheep show, a wool show, lead line competition and bred ewe sales are included in the shows activities.

This year’s show will be held Saturday September 28, 2013 – Sunday October 6, 2013 at the Farm Show Complex in Harrisburg, PA. With lots of area attractions nearby in addition to all the multi-species activities KILE has to offer, Harrisburg is a great place to bring the family.

Information about KILE can be found on their website at keystoneinternational.state.pa.us. If internet access is not possible, please contact Stacy Taylor with any questions pertaining to the show at 814-234-9622.

What a great way to promote the Border Leicester breed and all it has to offer!! Hope to see everyone in the fall!!

PROMOTE BORDER LEICESTERS!
If you are planning on attending any shows or festivals and would like to use the ABLA Display Kit to promote Border Leicesters, contact the President. The cost is free, and all promotional information can be printed off the website.

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The 2013 North East Youth Sheep Show will be taking place July 18-22, 2013, is held in the Mallary Complex at the Eastern States Exposition Fairgrounds in West Springfield, Massachusetts. The youth show is open to all youth 21 years old and younger as of January 1st with all breeds of sheep being eligible. The sheep and exhibitors must arrive by 11:00 p.m. Thursday, July 18th. Activities begin on Thursday evening with a Quiz Bowl. Friday will be Exhibitor Check-in, Skillaton contest, and Market Lamb Show, followed by New England Sheep & Wool Growers sponsored Barbeque dinner and ice cream social. Saturday following the NEW&SG Sheep Sale and Used Equipment Auction will host the Fitting and Showmanship Classes run by breed with a Supreme in each age group then chosen. Sunday’s activities of the breed shows start at 8:00 a.m. ending late afternoon with the finale of the Supreme Champions in the afternoon. The judges for the weekend will be Jeff Jordan, Eric Bruns and Jeremy Etzler. Funds are raised all year long for this event. T-shirt sponsors of $25 are collected from January thru May. T-shirts, with a list of all sponsors on the back, are given to all participating youth exhibitors. Items to be sold and volunteers are needed in the Fiber Nook at The Big E in September. Donations are accepted to help fund this show; you may donate for a specific breed or for the whole show. All funds raised go back to the show: ribbons, premiums, judges and facility clean-up. Supreme Banners and Champion awards and Reserve Champion Banners are donated by two very supportive ladies here in New England!

One of the Co-chairmen of this event is Border Leicester breeder, Sarah Jakeman, of New York. She actually showed in the very first North East Youth Sheep Show 29 years ago (and won Reserve Champion Market Lamb with her Hampshire bottle lamb!). Yes, she was only 3 yrs old!! Now she has convinced her husband and her brother to come for the weekend to take pictures of the winners. If you have a chance to talk with Sarah, she will encourage the youth to come join us for the weekend – it is a great family event.

I run the Border Leicester breed show, and would like to thank Jack & Vida Price of Illinois, Sally Barney of New Hampshire, and the Cousineau Family of Vermont for their monetary donations to this year’s Border Leicester show. Your support is greatly appreciated.

For more information on the show, or to donate or to enter the show, visit the website: www. nesheep.org , or email me with questions. khop4811@aol.com.

- Polly Hopkins -
National Border Leicester Show & Sale and Maryland Sheep & Wool Festival Winners!!
# National Border Leicester Sale
## Sales Report
### Wooster, Ohio

### Border Leicester Yearling Rams

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**4 Total Lots....Total Sales Amt:** $1,950.00  
**Average Sale:** $487.50

### Border Leicester Fall Ram Lambs

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**3 Total Lots....Total Sales Amt:** $1,000.00  
**Average Sale:** $333.33

### Border Leicester January Ram Lambs

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**2 Total Lots....Total Sales Amt:** $750.00  
**Average Sale:** $375.00

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### Border Leicester Yearling Ewes

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| 144 | Montana Aerie              | $300.00 | Cristine Weisgarber Massillon, OH                                    |
| 145 | Montana Aerie              | $300.00 | Bear Hollow Farm Newark, OH                                          |
| 105 | Wool Away Farm             | $300.00 | Irene Nehker North Smithfield, RI                                    |
| 104 | Allen-Dale Farm            | $300.00 | Shepherd’s Run-W.m. & Sharon O Donnell  
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**11 Total Lots....Total Sales Amt:** $6,750.00  
**Average Sale:** $613.64

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Aurburn Twp, OH |
| 152 | ZNK Border Leicester       | $300.00 | Susan Kidney Chicora, PA                                             |

**11 Total Lots......Total Sale Amt:** $5,925.00  
**Average Sale:** $638.64

**Border Leicester Totals**  
**38 Total Lots......Total Sale Amt:** $19,550.00  
**Average Sale:** $514.47
### NC Border Leicester Yearling Rams

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NC Border Leicester March Ewe Lambs

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NC Border Leicester Totals

19 Total Lots......Total Sale Amt: $6,775.00  Average Sale: $356.58

Grand Total

57 Total Lots......Total Sale Amt: $26,325.00  Average Sale: $561.84

Reclaim Your Fame!!!

Your wool deserves the spotlight

Part 3 of 4

By Carrie Hull and Robyn Kuhl
Reprinted from: The Shepherd

In the past two articles of this series, we focused on the improving the quality of the clip. In this article we explore the ways to improve profitability and end products by embracing and capitalizing on the biodiversity available in our domestic wool production. It’s about digging deeper, about pushing ourselves to a new high. Each breed of sheep should be singing their attributes from the rooftops. In short, we need to be playing chess while every other country is playing checkers!

Biodiversity is a hot topic in agriculture today. We recognize that biodiversity loss is a significant risk factor in business development and a threat to long term economic sustainability. Projects to improve land and pasture biodiversity abound and benefit the health and production of livestock in general. In short, biodiversity is a measure of the health of an ecosystem.

While ranchers explore and expand the biodiversity and health of their land and pastures, those important principles have not yet been applied to the wool itself. As a result, today’s consumer often view wool products in a bifurcated way - it’s either “Merino” (soft) or it’s "Wool"(scratchy). While there are hundreds of breeds of sheep (most of them wool producing) there is little biodiversity in wool marketing or use. At most, “fine wool” or “highland wool” may be used to describe the content of a garment. There are distinct economic advantages to taking this a step further and embracing the unique attributes of each breed’s fleece in relation to the end product. Wise marketing and selection of raw materials based
Claim Your Fame!
By: Carrie Hull and Robyn Khull
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on the positive attributes of each individual breed and textile worthy fiber within the breed, results in superior products, and increased use and interest in domestic wool production.

It has been common practice to purchase and process wool with the single selection criteria of micron or grade. This resulted from “Economy of Scale”. When the price for wool falls, the focus often shifts to meat production and the quality and quantity of wool available to the wool buyer suffers. Due to “Economy of Scale” (the principle that larger lots cost less to produce), wool buyers are forced to purchase on micron/grade criteria alone as there is not a sufficient quantity of wool available. In general, all breeds and types of wool fibers are combined and put into micron based lots. However, micron or grade is only one of many important attributes that should be considered. The market for wool that is durable and outperforms man-made fibers is rapidly growing. Where “fineness” once dominated the industry, “performance” is now the focus. Performance based textiles are interested in many more qualities over and above the basic micron/grade.

Wool as a natural fiber is highly effective, and in its own right performs better in many aspects than man-made fibers. Man-made fibers (synthetics) are often utilized in textiles over wool due to their cost. However, they are second class citizens when it comes to performance.

When textile worthy wool is divided into separate breeds and then blended with other natural fibers for maximum performance, they are unbeatable. Let’s start with identifying the unique attributes within a breed type between a few of those breeds.

Wool producing sheep are often classified as: Fine Wools, Medium Wools, Down type Wools, Long wools, Carpet wools, and Dual Coated and Primatives. While giving us a general idea of what type of fiber they produce, it doesn’t break it down far enough. Let’s look at few breeds in two of those categories and see how each breed can shine independently thereby building biodiversity in breed, wool type and end use.

Fine wools: That’s pretty self-explanatory isn’t it? The wool from these breeds has a fine micron. But is that all they are?

Merino falls into this category, with an average 17-22 micron range. Merino has the broadest range of microns, with some lower than the 17 microns and many higher than the 22. While it has high tensile strength for a fine fiber, it has a relatively short length which makes it more susceptible to pilling due to abrasion. A highly used item that experiences lots of abrasion will not perform well as it will readily pill. Merino also has a high ability to felt. This can be a positive or a negative trait, depending on the final product. A gently used, next to the skin application without excessive abrasion end product would be a wise choice for this breed of fiber. A fashionable neck scarf in either woven or a knitted application would be a perfect choice for utilizing Merino wool. Remember that a knitted scarf will feel softer than a woven one.

Cormo is also considered a Fine Wool breed with 17-23 micron range (almost identical to Merino in that respect). Cormo has a good balance of loft and elasticity, is typically a little longer than Merino so it is a little more durable and won’t pill as easily. It has a moist velvety feel to the fiber. Cormo also has a high ability to felt like Merino. Cormo wool would be very appropriate for that lush wonderful feel next to the skin with a little added durability. A fine sweater would be an exceptional application of Cormo wool as it would hold up better to abrasion.

CVM (California Varigated Mutant – that’s really their name! ) has a micron range from 22-25 microns so compares to the higher micron side of both the Merino and Cormo. CVM brings
color to the party! It has a longer staple length which makes it an option for either woolen or worsted processing. CVM has a moderate ability to felt so if you are looking to make something that does not readily felt, CVM would be a better choice than Cormo or Merino. CVM would give your final product natural color (no dye) and less problems with felting. CVM with its drapeability and durability would make beautiful fabric for a blazer, skirt or slacks.

**Down type wools:**
These breeds are typically thought of as meat breeds and while their wool typically lacks luster or beautifully organized crimp, the springiness and resilience of down type wool can’t be beat! Another spectacular thing about down type wool is that it is very resistant to felting. It’s requires very little additional care in washing. Down wools range in micron, primarily 24-30 micron (medium fine). Utilizing wool from these “meat” breeds can significantly improve profits and farm sustainability. Let’s look at some examples.

**Suffolk** has long been considered a strictly meat breed; however, this springy down type fleece when spun in the worsted method creates a wonderfully warm and robust yarn. Combine this with resistance to felting, the springy “cushiony” Suffolk wool is a wonderful choice for socks! With a micron range of 26-33 it provides the durability in the fibers needed for long lasting socks.

**Southdown** wool is short and springy, soft and bouncy with a strong disposition. The micron generally ranges from 24–29 microns. The crimp style, springy disposition, and resistance to felting make this wool an excellent quilt bat. It rarely “beards up” or comes through the cotton fabric used as the face of the quilt, another outstanding quality!

**Ryeland wool** is one of the softest fleeces in the down category. It is light and springy and makes a strong resilient yarn. The added softness along with medium feltability makes this 26-34 micron wool a perfect choice for gloves.

**Textile Attributes = Uniformity**
Within all these amazing breed specific wool attributes, it is always important to focus on producing superior textile types of fiber. Uniformity is the most important attribute in textile processing. That includes uniformity between the primary and secondary fibers in micron, as well as uniformity of length, color and strength. These heritable attributes are as important to breed for as weaning weights, lambing percentages, or carcass confirmation and muscling. Here is that 10 percent again!! Take 10 percent of your flock and breed them with specific fiber attributes in mind and focus on the wool in your breeding program. You will be amazed by the ultimate profitability and increased sustainability of your farm. Sorters trained in the Certified Sorted® System of Fiber Sorting and Grading produce an Individual Sort Record for each animal’s fleece that they sort. This record gives the producer valuable information regarding the uniformity of the fleece as well as other important data about the entire fleece that can be utilized to make improved breeding decisions.

Photo of primary-secondary difference

It’s time to Reclaim Your Fame, to play chess instead of checkers! By educating the textile producer as well as the consumer on the amazing attributes of specific breeds of wool and the superior products they create, we begin to connect the beginning of the supply chain to the end. Solidifying the attribute of uniform wool within the flock and targeting this important aspect in breeding programs ensures quality wool, a viable fiber industry and sustainability through biodiversity. Be sure to read the concluding article in this series next month where we expand on successful value adding by focusing on natural attributes, blending for increased performance, best use of fibers and creation of superior products which increase sustainability.

Look out for part 4 in the Fall!
HEAD & NECK (10 Points)
Head: High, erect ears
Spots on ears permissible
Roman nose
Black nose and lips (dark mottled with grey acceptable)
No motting on muzzle
Both sexes polled
Neck: Moderate length, fitting into shoulders gracefully

FOREQUARTER (5 Points)
Shoulders: Well rounded
Legs: Straight, wide apart, no wool below knees

BODY (15 Points)
Chest: Deep and wide, but not fat
Ribs: Well-sprung, long, showing no signs of excess fat
Back: Broad, long and level
Somewhat narrower in front than rear
Hindquarters should be 1/3 or less in proportion
Wool Cover: Belly and armpits well-covered with wool (minimum of skin) and consistent with balance of fleece

HINDQUARTERS (10 Points)
Hips: Level, smooth and wide apart
Thighs: Deep and full
Legs: Straight, wide apart, free of wool below hocks
No evidence of low pasterns
Black hooves
Udder & Scrotum: Ewes - Udder should show evidence of two good teats
Rams - Testicles well-developed and hanging down a distance from the body

CONDITION (10 Points)
Animals should be in working condition, well-muscled, and not overly fat or thin

GENERAL APPEARANCE (10 Points)
Stance: Overall appearance to be regal in structure
Quality: Should be strong boned
Rams to appear masculine
Ewes to appear feminine

WOOL (40 Points)
1. Locks with purled tips ending in a curl
2. High Luster
3. Minimum of kemp hair
4. Uniform fleece and belly wool
5. No black spots in white, no white spots in black wool

The fleece weight from mature females ranges from 8 to 12 pounds with a yield of 65 to 80 percent. The staple length of the fleece ranges from five to ten inches with a numeric count of 36 to 48 which is 38.5 to 30.0 microns.

Border Leicesters are typically shown with 3-5 months of wool growth, so that the judge can accurately evaluate the fleece, one of the most important characteristics of the breed. They are relatively easy fit for exhibition. They should appear clean and neat, but never shampooed, as this would remove the natural oil from the wool. A light spritzing with Luke warm water can emphasize the natural curl of the fleece, but it needs to be done well before the show so that the dampened locks have time to dry thoroughly. Stray locks may be trimmed, but Border Leicesters should not be combed, carded, or blocked, which would disturb the natural lock formation and detract from the character of the fleece.

A ram at maturity should weigh 175-300 pounds and stand about 32 inches at the shoulder. He should have a wide, level back. Ewes usually weigh 150-225 pounds.
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Silent Auction Items Needed  
*By: Stacy Taylor*

In an effort to raise the funds needed for the 2013 NAILE Regional Border Leicester Show and Junior Show, a silent auction will be held in Kentucky during the show. Donation items are needed for the auction. This sort of fundraiser has proven to be very successful for various other breeds and our intention is to help offset the monies needed yearly by the Border Leicester Premium fund for our open and junior shows. The shows at NAILE continue to be a great promotional avenue for our breed and a wonderful way for Border Leicester breeders to showcase their flocks in a nationally competitive venue. Please help support this show by not only entering your animals but also by donating an item or two to the silent auction. Items such as gift baskets, art, handmade wool items, lambing or show supplies etc. are always well received. Be creative and support the Border Leicester breed and its exhibitors at NAILE.

Donation items will be collected by Stacy Taylor starting now and continuing until the start of the auction at NAILE. Items may be mailed, given to Stacy over the summer and fall at various Border Leicester events, or brought to the show in November. Any questions please feel free to contact Stacy either by email stctylr@aol.com or by phone 814-234-9622.

Thank you in advance for your support and we look forward to a great fundraising activity!!

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Great Lakes Show and Sale Weekend

From: Marilyn and Carroll Fogle

WOOSTER, OHIO

It was great seeing everyone again at our weekend in Wooster. We hope everyone enjoyed their stay in Ohio. THANK YOU EVERYONE for all your help in making this a good time.

After everyone got settled in on Friday, we gathered at the Best Western for a fun evening. We ate a lot, visited a lot, told stories and enjoyed being together. We even learned some things from our sheep and wool trivia questions.

The fleece show began at 9:30a on Saturday morning with 30 fleeces entered. The show also was on Saturday morning. A busy time for everybody involved but somehow we again enjoyed visiting, sharing stories and looking over the Border Leicesters brought in from around the country for the show and sale.

Saturday evening we gathered at The Olde Jaol House Restaurant for our evening dinner. Barb Hintzsche welcomed everyone and introduced the board members present. Jack Price read a great poem about Memorial Day. After dinner we learned about Tell Tale Trees. Carroll wished he had gathered up all the trees drawn that evening and hung them in the barn the next day so everyone could see what the Border Leicester people did at their banquet. Probably would have been fun but would have had everyone wondering about us a bit.

Sunday morning we enjoyed coffee and donuts (donated by Dwight and Sally Barney) while waiting for the sale to start. After the sale everyone was ready to head for home.

We hope everyone enjoyed their stay in the Buckeye State and had a safe trip home. Always good to be home. Take care until the next time we are together.

--Marilyn & Carroll Fogle
During the dinner on Saturday night we held a silent auction. Many thanks to the donors and those who purchased items. A total of $460 was turned over to the association.

**Great Lakes Show and Sale Weekend Auction**

*From: Marilyn and Carroll Fogle*

Purchased by:
- Greg Deakin
- Sarah Jakeman
- Jack Price

Two Bottles of New York Wine -
Donated by:
- Sarah Jakeman
Purchased by:
- Jack Price

Shopping Bag of Ohio Goodies -
Donated by:
- Dena & Jerry Early
Purchased by:
- Jack Price

Chepachet, Rhode Island Basket -
Donated by:
- Polly & Kevin Hopkins
Purchased by:
- David Freds

Leaf Impression Dish -
Donated by:
- Carroll & Marilyn Fogle
Purchased by:
- Jerry Pickler

**Basket of New Hampshire Wines & Spirits**

Donated by:
- Fairy Dust Farm- Emily Gibson
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This will be a good way to recognize breeders and their successes from all over the country and to promote the Border Leicester breed.

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We had a great year!

Ben and Luigi at the County Fair. Luigi was Champion Jr. Ram and Best in Breed in the AOB class.

They were the 2d place Colored Border Ram Lamb and Reserve Champion Colored Border Leister Ram at the 2012 N.A.I.L.E. Jr. Show.

Honey Bear was First place January Ewe Lamb both Open and Jr. at the County Fair, and was Jr. Champion.

She was also 2d at the Wisconsin Sheep and Wool Festival, but was 1st January Ewe Lamb and Reserve Champion at the 2012 Colored Border Leister Jr. Show at the 2012 N.A.I.L.E. Honey Bear and Ben together won the 2012 Border Leister Fatturety.

Thanks to Bear Hollow Farm for selling us such a nice Ewe!

The yearling ewe we bought from Cape House Farm was 2nd at Wisconsin, 3rd at the N.A.I.L.E., and ½ of our 5th place pair at Maryland.

Thank you Linda and Bill for Peaches!

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### American Border Leicester Association
#### 2013 Membership Application

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What products from your farm would you like in the directory? ____________________________

In addition to Border Leicesters, what other breed of sheep or animals do you raise? ____________________________

**Helpful information for the Board and Editor (will not included in the directory):**

Total flock size: ____________

Number of white Border Leicesters........Rams ____ Ewes ____

Number of colored Border Leicesters.......Rams ____ Ewes ____

Articles and/or topics you would like to see in the newsletter? ____________________________

______ I would be interested in writing or supplying information for an upcoming newsletter (Editor will contact you).

Topics you would like to Board of Directors to discuss/or comments to your Board: ____________________________

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