



# Romney Ramblings

September 28, 2021

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Dear Fellow Romney Breeders,

What a year 2021 has been so far- COVID, floods in part of the country, droughts and fire in other parts. It has been so hard for so many. As things begin to open back up - fairs and festivals and markets - there is a glimmer of hope that everyone seems to be grasping for. We are looking forward to a healthier and more connected 2022.

This year has been a challenging one for ARBA too. The board has been working hard resolving registration-related issues and preserving and promoting our wonderful breed. We have also been working to support our members - and yet, we understand that in some parts of the country, members don't feel supported. As a board, we hear this.

As the new board starts it's term in October, we are committed to healing and strengthening our organization, and we invite you to help us - let us know what you want and need. We are a group of committed volunteers - we love our breed and our organization. We'd love to hear from you AND to work with you to continue to grow and strengthen the Romney breed and to support Romney shepherds. This is a great time to get involved and to help strengthen your organization and to create the change you'd like to see in ARBA.

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## Thank you Don,

Don Burgess recently stepped down as President due to other commitments. Before serving as President, Don served as the District Three director.

Don's common sense approach and his well reasoned style and calm demeanor were great assets to the board and board discussions.

We wish Don well and look forward to seeing him at future ARBA events.



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**American Romney Breeders Association**

## Mentoring Program

Mentors are available to assist breeders with questions, discuss upcoming events, chat sheep and help promote the membership. ARBA members have signed up as mentors, and this list is posted on the website.

## Welcome to our New Members:

A big hello to Jeannette Westover, Amy Sikanowicz and Samantha Lesson! We welcome ewe all!!

As always, the board is no further than a phone call or email away.

**ARBA on Facebook** Check out the American Romney Breeders Association Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/americanromney>. to see events, news and reminders about the association.

**ARBA on Instagram** ARBA now has an Instagram account for sharing events and news about the association. Its handle is: @americanromney.

**Gaggle** A new online email group has been formed as a way for members to share information about their sheep, management practices, events, etc. with each other more easily and be up to date on what the ARBA Board is working on. It is hosted through Gaggle Email. For more information and how to join if you have not already received an introductory email, contact Carol Pasheilich, District 5 Director.

**ARBA Website** The ARBA website, [americanromney.org](http://americanromney.org), has information to assist with many of your association and production needs. You can advertise your products and animals, read about management tools, review animal health needs, locate members in your region, read minutes of the board meetings and keep up to date with news submitted by your directors and district representatives.

## Coming in the next Issue:

Please answer the following question - Directors and all members are asked to send in replies.

"What was the reason you decided to raise Romneys?"

**Romney Ramblings** The Romney Ramblings is the newsletter of the American Romney Breeders Association. The purpose of the Ramblings is to provide sheep industry news, high light the efforts of ARBA, announce events and activities, provide an outlet for promotion of your sheep and wool products and recognize the accomplishments of the membership.

### Advertising in the Ramblings

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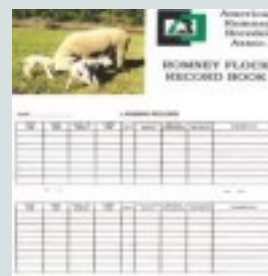
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## Flock Record Book:

Provides General Sheep Information and space to record lambs born and raised for 1 or several years.

Price: \$3.00 postpaid.



Order now from the  
ARBA Secretary.  
secretary  
@americanromney.org

## **ARBA Futurity Program 2021**

**Charlene Carlisle, Director at Large**

**Update to Futurity Program:** Due to Covid restrictions last year there were no entries into our Futurity Program. This year we are going to change it up and next year we will reevaluate our goals and tweak as needed. In this issue of the Ramblings there will be an announcement regarding the National Online Sale. In conjunction with the National Sale, we will have a National Sale Online Futurity Show. This online Futurity Show will be for just ewes sold in the National Sale. If a ewe is purchased in the National Online Sale for or by a Junior, that ewe will automatically be pre-entered (with no additional fee) into this online show. The ewe will need to be prepared for the virtual showing and photos/videos submitted. They will be divided up into classes by age and color. Prizes will be offered for class winners with cash premiums being paid to the exhibitor and the breeder of the Champion & Reserve Champion Ewes of each color. It is our hope to encourage the Breeders to put in their very best and encourage our youth to show them in our Futurity Show. More specific details to follow, looking forward to a new wave of enthusiasm as we try to return to a more normal show season. Please check out the National Sale article in this edition of the Ramblings. Please feel free to reach out with questions.

## **American Sheep Industry Update:**

The ASI website is a fantastic resource for the most up to date information. Their latest newsletter can be found at:

<https://www.sheepusa.org/newsletter/september-27-2019>

## **EDUCATION COMMITTEE:**

**Is there something you would like the directors to answer in a future issue of the Ramblings? Just reach out to your director, the president or the editor of the Ramblings to submit your questions.**

## **ARBA - ANNUAL MEETING**

The ARBA Annual meeting will be held in conjunction with the New York State and Wool Festival at Dutchess County Fairgrounds in Rhinebeck, NY. The Board of Director meetings will occur at the Hyatt Place in Poughkeepsie, NY. The annual meeting will be on Friday, October 15 at 6 p.m. at CJ's Italian Restaurant in Rhinebeck. The meeting will include dinner and a silent auction. Silent auction funds are utilized to support junior activities so please bring items and remember to bid. New York Sheep and Wool is a hybrid event this year. Tickets are limited, so if you plan to attend purchase tickets ASAP at the Dutchess County Fair Website [www.dutchessfair.com](http://www.dutchessfair.com). Vendors will be selling in person and virtually. In addition, the festival will hold a small number of workshops virtually on Thursday and Friday. Check the festival's website for updates, [www.virtual.sheepandwool.com/41](http://www.virtual.sheepandwool.com/41).



# **2021 American Romney Breeders Association**

## **Annual Meeting and Dinner**

### **Invitation and Registration**

The American Romney Breeders Association is holding its 2021 annual meeting on:

Friday, October 15, at 6 pm EST.  
CJ's Italian Restaurant 353 Old Post Road Rhinebeck, NY

All ARBA members are invited to attend the meeting, which will be followed by dinner and silent auction. An educational presentation is also being prepared, and information will be shared shortly.

The cost for dinner is \$25 per person\*, and includes a buffet-style meal featuring:  
Chicken Parmesan, Baked Ziti (Vegetarian), and Sausage and Peppers, salad, bread/butter, coffee, fountain drinks, tax, and gratuity are included.  
Additional beverages can be purchased separately.

Please return the attached form by October 8, with payment (check payable to ARBA), to:  
Charlene Carlisle  
510 Centerton Rd  
Moorestown NJ 08057.

\*Dinner purchase is not required for members to attend the annual meeting



## 2021 American Romney Breeders Association Annual Dinner Registration

Attendee(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Member contact information:

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary restrictions: \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of attendees: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$25.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Please return the attached form by October 8, with payment, to:

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**Please make checks payable to ARBA  
Please return by Friday, October 8th.**

## Meet Georgina Anderson - Our new Secretary/Treasurer

Hello Romney Folks! My name is Georgina Anderson, and I'm excited to come on board as the new Secretary/Treasurer for ARBA. I wanted to take just a minute to introduce myself to you all.

I've been involved in sheep production since 1986, when my parents established Westwind Farm in Connecticut with a small flock of Polled Dorsets. Later we added Tunis and Montadales to the mix and moved to Kentucky.

My brother, sister and I were very involved in 4H and FFA, and I studied Animal and Food Science at the University of Kentucky. I was a member of and then coached Kentucky's meats judging team while there. After graduating, I worked in R&D for Smithfield Foods for a couple years, then started teaching middle and high school science in rural eastern Kentucky.

In 2018, I left K12 teaching and started a PhD program at the University of South Carolina where I'm studying cell and molecular biology, specifically working on a project to help make bone marrow transplants more successful. I also study how large universities can best prepare new teaching assistants for leading undergraduate courses, and I teach physiology labs each semester.

Since 1996, I've been active in national sheep registries, first as a junior member, and later as a youth advisor, regional director, president and co-superintendent of the Tunis Show at NAILE.

A couple other random facts about me: my dream job is to be a researcher at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital; my dog Lucille is the best dog in the world (I know you may think your dog is great, but Lucille really is the best dog); and while in college I spent a summer working in the Republic of Georgia teaching and promoting sustainable agriculture practices.

I'm looking forward to meeting many of you in Rhinebeck this October and working with all the members of ARBA in the role of Secretary/Treasurer. Please contact me by email at [secretary@arba.org](mailto:secretary@arba.org). I can also be reached at 859-940-9704, though I work strange hours and often can't talk on the phone at work, so please text or email me and we can schedule a time to talk as soon as possible. I'm excited to work with all of you!

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## Rambling Roads: District Director Reports

### District 1: Emma Rogers:

Hello! It has been a busy time here recently as we return to school and get ready for fall shows. The Big E is just around the corner. Romneys are the featured breed in the fleece show this year. Looking forward to seeing some beautiful Romney fleeces. It has been nice to have the opportunity to gather with Romney breeders at events throughout the summer. Romneys have been taking the sheep industry by storm. District One junior Teresa Hromis won Supreme Champion Ewe on her Natural Colored Romney at the Youth Sheep Expo in Indiana. Penelope Kemp won Champion Ewe (who also took Best in Show), Champion Ram and Reserve Champion Ewe and Ram at the NJ Sheep and Wool Festival. At Hebron Fair in Connecticut Cadence Higgins won Supreme Champion Ewe with her Natural Colored Romney yearling ewe. At Terryville Fair Everett Trojanoski won his first ribbon with his Romney ewe lamb "Laurel". Congrats to these junior members and any other District 1 wins I may have missed.

The topic for this issue of the Ramblings is one piece of advice I would give to a new Romney breeder. Romneys are a unique breed in their fleece type, structure and design. My biggest piece of advice would be to find an experienced breeder, local to you or not, with similar interests to you to advise as you navigate the breed. Having a mentor to assist with answering questions regarding feeding, fitting, fleeces, breed type, etc. is helpful for success in Romneys. Even though I came from a family that raised sheep for several generations, when I began with Romneys it was a different undertaking. I was lucky enough to have experienced breeders to offer guidance. Now I have been lucky enough to assist new members in their Romney endeavors. Reach out to your district director if you are new to Romneys and looking for assistance. They can guide you in the right direction!

I hope to see many of you at the annual meeting in Rhinebeck on October 15.



## District 2: Amy Miller

My tip for potential/new Romney breeders: I have TWO tips!

My tip is to consider covering your fleeces. If you have multiple sizes of covers and can manage them in a way that you don't get felting, you will have a beautiful, very marketable fleece to sell with most Romney sheep. Yes, it can add extra work, but the reward is selling the fleeces in your barn.

My other tip is for any new sheep person, please buy a thermometer to keep in your sheep medical bag. If your sheep acts sick and you end up calling your vet one of the first questions they are going to ask you is what is the temperature? The least helpful response you can give them is I don't have a thermometer.

District 2 Info:

Congratulations to the District 2 members that exhibited sheep at the Maryland State Fair. Romneys were well represented in both the white and natural colored divisions. Congratulations to the Blum family, the Streaker family and the Peterson family for a great day at the show with their Romneys. Davey Peterson's natural colored yearling ewe was named the Supreme Champion Ewe of show.

I don't get to a lot of shows/events outside of Maryland. If you are in District 2 and I can give you a shout out, please send me an email and I'll be sure to include it in the Ramblings.

Upcoming events:

Keystone International Livestock Expo (KILE) is scheduled October 1-10, 2021

## District 3: Penny Swearingen

Greetings from District 3 the heart of the Midwest!!

Romneys have been pretty busy here despite the high temperatures, humidity and storms taking out trees and power as they move across the states.

We have had Romney's represented in Fleece Shows, Junior Shows and Open Shows at Ohio State Fair, Wisconsin State Fair, Iowa State Fair and Michigan State Fair. In Iowa, a natural colored Romney fleece won its division, a junior member took Super Showmanship Award at the Michigan State Fair and juniors took home a lot of the hardware at the Indiana Junior Livestock Expo. The Michigan Fiber Fest Fleece Show had 17 Romney fleeces presented by 7 exhibitors from 4 different states! Sadly, they did not make it to the top spot. HOWEVER, the MFF Sheep Show Supreme Champion Ram was a white Romney exhibited by Pitchfork Farms!! So, folks have been working hard to advance the Romney story and build new relationships.

Fiber Festivals are continuing to happen as this past weekend the Yellow Springs Fiber Festival near Dayton Ohio is wrapping up. On-line fleece and fiber sales are being utilized as well, one example is the Wool and Fiber Arts Group that hosts live video sales monthly and every 3 months an exclusive "Raw Fleece





## District 4: Sue Kalina

It rained! It finally rained. After 3 months of drought, the sky let down 1.5 inches. I can already see the grass starting to grow. This is good news since hay will be hard to get. Barn cleaning is in process with shearing next, then lambing in November. Many Oregon Romney breeders lamb in the fall finding the mild temperatures make for easy lambing and healthy growing lambs.

Fairs were hard to come by this year, but the Oregon State Fair was super. Great to see everyone. We had open class white and NC shows. The Oregon Romney Breeders Assn sponsors a Romney wool show for open and junior, beautiful fleeces. I am back on the Board after being off a few years. Please let me know if anyone has questions or ideas for ARBA, I am happy to discuss.



Waiting to show....



NC Show—

Champ Ewe: Yearling Ewe owned by Brook Powers,

Res. Champ: Spring Ewe Lamb owned by Denali Bosco

White Show—

Champ. Ewe: Yearling Ewe owned by Anne Nichols.

Res. Champ: Fall Ewe Lamb owned by Anne Nichols



## District 5: Carol Pasheilich

District 5 is very, very quiet. We are all dealing with drought, heat and fires. With the lack of water, there is a scarcity of hay. The heat was higher than usual and the fires are scary. It has been quite a summer. So when I say it is quiet, I mean quiet in the sense we are all hunkered down and trying to survive. The animals are probably doing better than the humans caring for them.

Patty asked us what one piece of advice would we give to new shepherds or those thinking about raising sheep. There are so many things they need to know or find out about. It's hard to think of any one thing. However, a sheep breeder friend signs every email with this quote:

**"To be successful with sheep, even when you aren't thinking about them, you had better be thinking about them a little."**  
**Ivan Doig, Dancing at the Rascal Fair**

I think that pretty much sums up anything else I could say.

Carol Pasheilich

Carol Pasheilich has served as the district director for two terms, and ends her term in October.

Carol has served on multiple committees, and has always been willing to take on extra responsibilities and to lend a hand through ad-hoc committees. While serving as district director, she has been an advocate for her district, and a voice for making sure all parts of the country are represented in ARBA initiatives.

Thank you for your service to ARBA Carol!

## **District 6: Betsy McPherson**

### **Hi from District 6!**

We are finally feeling the temperatures go down here in the south as fall is ushered in! I see our sheep laying on the cool grass in the evenings along with the rams nickering to their ewes as breeding begins. It's such a wonderful season!

I love the wool our Romneys grow, and it amazes me that they make it from just grass & water! I send our wool off to a family-owned mill - Blue Mountain Fiber Mill in Harrisburg PA. We have them make us a 3-ply worsted weight yarn which is wonderful for knitting garments. They have taught me that a 3-ply is well rounded and adds a lot of strength to the yarn. I knitted my hubby a grey sweater last year and have just finished a color block sweater for me pictured here! It feels great on and has "good drape" as they say among knitters. It is not scratchy and fine to wear right against the skin.

Blue Mountain has made white, light brown and dark brown yarns for us from our white and natural colored fleeces. I really wanted a grey yarn and then Angie, the owner, shared a secret me with me! She told me she could make me a lovely grey yarn by adding 25% black merino wool to my 75% white Romney wool, thus the beautiful heathered grey yarn that you see in my sweater!

Always know that the mills you work with can teach you so much and help you achieve the outcome you want for your yarn, or roving. They have many tricks in their bag! Also there are mills who are interested in purchasing wool from shepherds for those tricks that they use. Ask them if they would like to buy your Romney fleeces and you might be surprised when they say a resounding YES!

Festivals happening in District 6 are as follows:

- 1- Fall Fiber Festival and Montpelier Sheep Dog Trials- (Oct 2-3)  
Montpelier Station, VA
- 2- Southeastern Animal Fiber Fair/SAFF- (Oct 22-24) Fletcher NC
- 3- North American International Livestock Expo/ NAILE (Nov 2-18th) Louisville KY

I'd like to invite any District 6 member to contact me if you have an interest in having your farm mentioned in my next district note or just to bring up a Romney related topic - we all learn from each other!

Happy fall season to all!

Betsy McPherson  
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## **Director at Large: Charlene Carlisle -**

No report at this time

## **Director at Large: Rick Trojanoski**

No report at this time

Reserve Grand Champion White Romney  
Ewe . First place intermediate ewe lamb  
Shown by Emma Rogers, CT



# **2021 National Sale Online Futurity Show**

**(October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021)**

**Don't forget to get your pictures or videos sent in for our Futurity Show.**

This is a one and done kind of Futurity Show and will return to our previous format for 2022. Pictures or Videos can be sent by mail, flash drive, or via computer to Charlene Carlisle, 510 Centerton Road, Moorestown NJ 08057 or to [c.carlisle@LittleHoovesRomneys.com](mailto:c.carlisle@LittleHoovesRomneys.com).

Entries must be postmarked or computer date/time stamped by 10/15/2021.

This will be for ONLY ewes sold in the National Online Sale on 5/18/2021

Juniors must be 21 years or younger as of Jan 1, 2021

A picture of front and back of registration paper must be provided

All Romney Ewes sold in the National Sale (to Juniors) are pre-entered, no additional entry fee is required

The new owners will be required to send in photos/videos for each entry

It is recommended that sheep and the youth prepare for the photos/videos as if they are actually entering the showing in person (both the sheep and the exhibitor should be show ring ready)

The Jr owner must hold the head but may have another Jr to set feet, and photographer can be adult or Jr

Premiums & awards will be offered (see below)

Unlimited entries (but must have been purchased on National Online Sale)

T-Shirts for all participants

## **Classes: (Divided into White & Natural Colored)**

Yearling Ewes  
Fall Ewe Lambs  
Winter Ewe Lambs (born between Jan 1 – Feb 15)  
Spring Ewe Lambs (born Feb 16 and later)

## **Video/Photo Details:**

Head Shot (showing ear tag and scrapie tag)  
Side Profile (left and right)  
Rear View  
Front View  
Wool Shot in 3 areas (Shoulder, Mid Side and Hip)  
No filters and no editing

## **Class Awards: (Divided into White & Natural Colored)**

Yearling Ewes Prize  
Fall Ewe Lambs Prize  
Winter Ewe Lambs Prize  
Spring Ewe Lambs Prize  
Grand Champion \$100  
Reserve Grand Champion \$50  
Breeder of Grand Champion \$50  
Breeder of Reserve Grand Champion \$25

Judging will be completed within 2 weeks and winners notified

Winners will be announced in Romney Ramblings, ARBA web site, Facebook & Instagram

More details to follow



## Recording and Registering Your Romneys:

You have invested in one, several or a flock. To maintain your flock you need general information on nutrition, health care, and necessary housing and handling facilities. To keep your investment moving forward, you need to maintain good records relating to production, health, sales and show results, if applicable. To promote your investment you will need to keep more detailed records; possibly adding birth weights of each lamb born, weight of wool from each shearing, age and weight of animals marketed for meat, cause of death if not planned, sales records of all animals and an annual inventory of your flock. There are many programs offered to make this task easier, or you can create your own on the computer or with a spiral notebook and pen.

The more important task is the recording and transfer of your registered Romneys. ARBA is one of the associations registering purebred Romney sheep, and the process for doing that is not always clear. When you purchase sheep that are sold as registered, ask to see the registration papers (pedigree). Most associations have a paper certificate of registry with a five generation "family tree". Do not assume that papers will arrive in your mailbox. Ask to have the seller sign the certificate and present it with the sheep at the time of sale. This will eliminate a time delay and the frustration of not having paperwork when you need it.

The next step is sending your registration certificates to Associated Registries so ownership can be transferred to you. Go to the ARBA website, [americanromney.org](http://americanromney.org) and print off a Work Order form located on the home page side bar. Complete the form, marking the section for transfers. The form and each signed registration certificate is sent to Associated Registries. If not an ARBA member, this form allows you to take action and become a member. A membership application is available on the website. The processing may take several weeks, but if you send in the paperwork, it will return.

When you become the owner of new lambs, recording birth dates and birth type (single, twin, triplet) is important. You will need that information and the identity of the dam and sire to complete your certificate of registry application. This process is similar to transfer. Go to the website and open the Registration Application. Fill it in or print a copy and fill it in. You will need an identification system for your lambs that allows for a tattoo or ear tag to be used. Proper names without numbers do not work. Owner name and a number works, farm name and number will work, business name and number will work. Some limitations occur if you want a name and number on your ear tags. Southern Oregon Romneys 1501 will not fit, but SOR1501 will. After completing the form with animal details, print off the work order and complete the registration section, add the payment and send it off.

As with all projects, the above information is addressing the basics of keeping your purebred flock registered and helping maintain your initial investment. Your diligence will help the association and help that breeder who did not maintain good records and is wanting to update their registrations.

JoAnn Mast, Southern Oregon Romneys



## ROMNEY PROFILES:

### Adeline Skidmore—Youth in Action

This year's fair experience with the sheep was different than my previous years. This year my mom was a bit more hands off. We didn't have a lot of sheep to show and they were mostly aged ewes. I know when people are hot and tired and not feeling the best (welcome to fair season) they are a bit short tempered this was true for mom.

Many times this fair season she asked me... "Why are we even doing this?" I kept telling her "Because it's fun!" Her response to me was "This...THIS isn't fun!" She was trying to load the sheep on the trailer and it wasn't working. We had sheep loose that didn't want to be caught that should have been on the trailer. Other sheep that had suddenly forgotten how to walk on a halter. It was for sure crazy. I said "Let me try" and the ewe jumped right on the trailer and the rest followed. It was amazing! The girls were just waiting on me.

On the way to the county fair, Mom and Nelson weren't feeling 100%. The heat had already gotten to them. Mom said it is what it is the sheep are what they are. We won't place well and I really hope there aren't attitudes because of where you place. We were the only aged ewes! So between Nelson and I our sheep did well. We also didn't know that we were going to need helpers in the show ring because we thought they would do natural in one class and white in another. I couldn't believe the older kids helped us and even were HAPPY to help! Nelson's commercial ewe got champion while he was asleep in the chair. I was quick to remind mom why we were doing this.

The take away from this year's fair season for us was how amazing the farming community is. How awesome other showers are. When we needed help for whatever the reason someone was there ready to help. When we cried, they cried right beside us! When we were excited so were they! My goal this year is to make sure I look at every situation the same way to see where I can help and encourage those people I'm around.





## Romney Wool: The Value Wool Brings to the Romney Sheep Farm

Romney wool is a marketable commodity, and it can bring in extra income to our breeders' programs. Your ARBA board will be beginning a series on the wool product of our beautiful Romney sheep in upcoming issues of The Romney Ramblings. To start things off, we have reached out to members for ideas on how you currently use your wool, and we found some creative and useful ideas. We hope this series is both informative and useful to our breeders in making great use of the Romney wool product.



### Non-Traditional!

Master Gardeners across the US are discovering the wonders of wool as mulch and replacement for Coconut fiber.

Our own Melissa Wubben, IA is demonstrating in her own garden



Through new On-Line Venues such as Live sales hosted on Facebook Groups such as WOOL AND FIBER ARTS Group", Romney Fleeces are getting into the hands of more Fiber Artists. The Year 2020 saw an increase in folks picking up spinning, knitting, weaving, felting and more





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### Romney's Wool as an Ambassador!

Who can walk by a beautifully presented Romney Fleece at a Show or Sale and not want to touch it?! This is the same effect our fleeces have when presented at all the Shows and Festivals going on this fall. Whether the Oregon State Fair, Big E, Michigan State Fair or even our Local County Fairs the Romney's fleece with it's Luster, Bold Locks and Color bring folks in to see and Touch.

Friendly competition between 2 Romney breeders with their lovely Natural Color Stud Ram fleeces @ Michigan Fiber Fest. Oak Creek Farm & 3L&S Farms



Oregon State Fair is just one stop for Southern Oregon Romneys. They are increasing their efforts to market more fleeces and pelts through local markets and fiber festivals across their state. Their extensive trips with the stock trailer are over But Fleeces can load up and go anytime.



Judge Amy Wolf selects a white Lincoln fleece as Grand Champion and natural colored Romney fleece as Reserve Grand Champion.

Exhibitor of Lincoln fleece, Kris Jones, Kristie Lincolns.

Exhibitor of Romney fleece, Kathleen Zappelli, Southern Oregon Romneys.





## **The BEST of the WEST**

White & Recessive Romneys

Gentle Temperaments

Beautiful Fleeces

Fiber Micron Value, Color Pattern and Birth Photos Available



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<b>Calendar of Events:</b>					
<b>EVENT</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>VIRTU- AL</b>	<b>IN- PER- SON</b>	<b>CAN- CELLE D</b>	<b>NOTES</b>
Eastern States Expo (the Big E)	Sept. 17-Oct. 3		yes		
Keystone International Livestock Expo	Oct 1-10		yes		Harrisburg, PA
Fall Fiber Fest & Montpelier Sheep Dog Trials	Oct. 2-3		yes		Montpelier Station, VA
Vermont Sheep and Wool Festival	Oct. 2-3		yes		
Rhinebeck	Oct. 14-17	Hybrid	Hybrid		Check website regarding specific details <a href="https://sheepandwool.com/">https://sheepandwool.com/</a>
Montana Beginning Shearing School	Oct. 14-17		Yes		Contact Brent Roeder at <a href="mailto:roeder@montana.edu">roeder@montana.edu</a>
Kansas Sheep Symposium	Oct. 22-23				Contact Kris Van Horn (620)569-2413
Southeastern Animal Fiber Festival/SAFF	Oct. 22-24				Fletcher, NC
Montana Intermediate Shearing School	Oct. 29-31				Contact Brent Roeder at <a href="mailto:roeder@montana.edu">roeder@montana.edu</a>
Washington State Sheep Prod. Convention	Nov. 5-6				Visit <a href="http://WSSP.org">WSSP.org</a>
Fiber Fest of New England	Nov. 6-7		yes		
Virginia Shearing School	Nov. 12-14				Contact Tom Stanley at <a href="mailto:stanleyt@vt.edu">stanleyt@vt.edu</a>
NAILE	Nov. 13-18		yes		Visit <a href="http://livestockexpo.org">livestockexpo.org</a>
Missouri Sheep Prod. Convention	Nov. 20				Visit <a href="http://MissouriSheep.com">MissouriSheep.com</a>
North Dakota Certified Wool Classing School	Nov. 20-22				Contact Christopher Schauer at (701)-567-4323
North Dakota Sheep Shearing School	Nov. 20-22				Contact Christopher Schauer at (701)-567-4323
Montana Wool Growers Convention	Dec. 3-5				Visit <a href="http://MTSheep.org">MTSheep.org</a>
OH Sheep Imp. Assoc. Symposium	Dec. 3-4				Visit <a href="http://OhioSheep.org">OhioSheep.org</a>
Tennessee Sheep Producers Annual Mtg.	Dec. 4				Visit <a href="http://TennesseeSheep.org">TennesseeSheep.org</a>
ND/MN Lamb & Wool Prod. Joint Conv.	Dec. 10-11				Visit <a href="http://NDSheep.org">NDSheep.org</a> or <a href="http://MLWP.org">MLWP.org</a>
MI Sheep Prod. Shepherd's Weekend	Jan. 7-9, 2022				Visit <a href="http://MISheep.org">MISheep.org</a>
ASI Annual Convention	Jan. 19-22				Visit <a href="http://SheepUSA.org">SheepUSA.org</a>
UT State Univ. Sheep Shearing School	Jan. 20-22				<a href="https://eventbrite.com/e/usu-sheep-shearing-school-2022-registration-168355254097">Eventbrite.com/e/usu-sheep-shearing-school-2022-registration-168355254097</a>
Missouri Sheep Shearing School	Mar. 2-3				Contact Amy Bax at (573)-681-6190

Please forward any missing show dates or any changes to the listed shows to the editor - the show schedule is always subject to changes due to state and federal guidelines. Check websites or social media for the most up to date information.



### **North America International Livestock Exposition (NAILE)**

Entry deadline: October 10, 2021

Open Romney Show 9:00 am, Thursday, November 18, 2021

Youth Romney Show 9:00 am, Saturday, November 12, 2021 – Romney's will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> breed in Ring 1

Wool Judging – 9:00 am, Tuesday, November 16, 2021

Complete entry information can be found on the NAILE website at [www.livestockexpo.org](http://www.livestockexpo.org)

# **Anchorage Farm Romneys**

**White, natural colored, recessive**



Anchorage Farm 1495 17Tw 2017 ARBA National Champion White Ewe

## **Excited to present our new stud rams!**

**Little Hooves 005 Tw b. 2020 white ram:**

**by SOR 1244 Tw (b. 2015) out of a Little Hooves 524 Tw (b. 2015)**

**Windswept Acres20/36BB Tw, recessively – colored ram:**

**by SORB 225BB Tw (b. 2015) out of Chapin 189 BW Tw (b. 2016)**

**These two join forces with Pitchfork Ranch 989, dominantly-colored ram b. 2017.**

**We look forward to seeing lambs from these three outstanding rams with our ewes.**

**Call early for all your show and breeding needs!**

**Stephen & Lizbeth Shafer**

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### **Old Line Ovine's - the origin story:**

When you are having a quarter life crisis (not a midlife crisis...LOL) what do you do...You buy a few Romney sheep. That is how our daughter Ashley justified bringing the cute little creatures to our flock.

We are The Blum Family. Bud, Trisch, Ashley, Allison and Alivia Blum. We live in White Hall, MD. We have been raising sheep for 23 years. We have raised many breeds over the years and at one time we ran 70 ewes. I think we have finally settled on the Romney's, Tunis and Wether Style Hampshire's. I also believe we have settle on a farm name. One that we all love! Old Line Ovine's!!!

Our oldest daughter selected the beginner flock. She purchased our first Romney ewe lamb from Little Hooves (Charlene Carlisle) and our ram from Ethan Kennedy. She later purchased ewes from Plank and Anchorage. We have purchased lambs online, privately and at the Maryland Sheep & Wool Festival Sale.

The All American Jr Show in 2018 was our Romney Debut! We were excited to come home with the Best Fleece!

We are now in our third breeding season and purchased a new ram lamb from Catherine and Teresa Hromis. We also purchase a ewe lamb in the National Online Romney Sale.

We will be lambing out 8 Romneys this spring and excited to see what our new ram throughs. The two we purchased from the Hromis sisters were Champion and Reserve Champion at the 2021 Maryland State Fair Romney show. Our home raised lambs stood reserve to them. We have learned that not every judge understands what they are looking at, but when we compete against other Romney's we hold our own.

We are looking forward to growing our Romney Flock! We just love their dispositions and cuteness!



### **ANCHORAGE FARM SEEKS MANAGER TO START AUGUST 2022**

Graeme Stewart, our excellent farm manager, will be retiring next August after eighteen years here at Anchorage Farm and sixty-six years raising sheep. We seek a successor who's strong on, or quick to learn, all aspects of purebred sheep care as well as marketing, wool-handling, trailering, pasture management, operation/maintenance of machinery, & farm finances. Commitment to regenerative agriculture is desirable. The position is full-time, living on a historic farm in Saugerties, New York. Salary negotiable. House, utilities, health insurance, 401(k), paid vacation. Send letter of interest and resumé to:

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