



# Romney Ramblings

April 15, 2024

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Greetings ARBA members –I hope you have had, or are having, a successful lambing season. At our farm, we are having a ram-dominated crop of lambs so far; more balance would be great, but we are thankful to have healthy and beautiful lambs bouncing around the barn!

It is time for ARBA elections, and this year’s process is in the early stages. Board participation is a great way to become more involved in ARBA and to impact our society for the benefit of other members, and our sheep.

If you are interested in running for a board position, the nominating committees will be working through May 1 to identify candidates for open positions – so please reach out to one of the committees to express your interest – find more information about the elections in this issue of the Ramblings.

In our flock news, we say goodbye and best wishes to our friends from Tawanda Farms, and our friends from Pitchfork Ranch. Both sets of shepherds have dispersed their Romney flocks as part of their retirement plans. We also remember the life of Margaret Walters, long time ARBA member, board member, and beloved friend of many. If you have any “Flock News” to share about what is going on in your family, flock, and on the farm, please submit your news to the Ramblings editor, Patty Sanville, so that she can include your news in our next edition.

We are in process of working with the North American Romney Association (NARA) and its board to welcome NARA members back to the ARBA flock, and to make the process of transferring NARA registrations to the ARBA flock book as easy as possible. More details on this in this issue of the Ramblings.

As always, an ongoing THANK YOU to our ARBA board members Charlene, Marianne, Scarlet, Stacy, Sue, Tracy, Rick, Stephanie, Penny; and to our Secretary/Treasurer Georgina; and our Ramblings editor Patty. Thank you for the time and dedication you all contribute to this organization.

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### 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:

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

If you know a Romney Breeder that isn't a member yet - invite them to join in on the fun!

This edition we want to make a special welcome to NARA Members!

We are happy to welcome North American Romney Association (NARA) members back to the ARBA flock! ARBA board members and NARA board members have been working together to finalize the details to incorporate NARA registration records into the ARBA block book.

We look forward to having the Romney flock joined together, and are excited that NARA members will be joining ARBA and enjoying all the privileges of membership. We are especially excited that junior members will be able to participate in all the ARBA youth activities that happen across the country!

**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.

**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.

**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, highlight 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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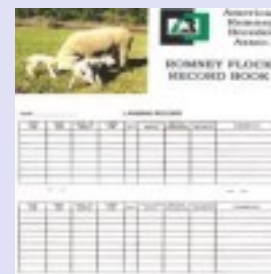
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# Rambling Roads: District Director Reports

## District 1: Marianne DiTaranto:

Spring should be coming to New England soon. Sometimes between late snowstorms, power outages, icy roads and slippery, sinking, heavy mud, it is hard to determine when the weather will finally settle into the familiar patterns of showers, blossoms, and greening pastures. Continue reading for recent events, upcoming festivals, shows, what Romney members are up to and a quick note on the National Show and Annual Dinner to be held in Springfield MA.

### Recent Happenings:

Many participated at the 4-H Sheep Day and Blue Ribbon Forum sponsored by the Connecticut Sheep and Wool Growers Association held on February 3, 2024, at UConn. While youth learned about sheep, Adults could attend workshops on Artificial Insemination presented by Dr. Rachel Gately; Farm Animal Predators presented by a Wildlife Specialist; Parasites and your Sheep presented by Dr. Lisa Dauten and Wool Sheep Products and Wool Grading presented by Melissa Trojanoski.

The NH Sheep and Wool Grower Association held a Lambing Clinic on March 23, 2024. Despite the snowstorm and longer travel times, the event was well attended. Dr Rachel Gately of Tufts and Mike Wright of Cheshire Horse/Kalmbalch Feeds presented on lambing and nutrition. Dr. Gately also provided useful information on Cache Valley Virus and how it spreads. There were questions followed by an interesting discussion on preparing for and procedures involving artificial insemination. Mike Wright spoke of the importance of good nutrition for breeding stock, gestating ewes and growing out lambs. Attendees joined Teresa and Catherine Hromis at Winding Wicks Farm for more on lambing practices including demonstrations on worming, banding tails, vaccinations and setting up a prolapse harness.

### Upcoming Events:

Connecticut Sheep Breeders Association is hosting the Connecticut Sheep and Wool Fiber Festival on April 27, 2024, rain or shine from 9 am to 4 pm at North Haven Fairgrounds. Sara Tomis will be running an educational program for youth interested in sheep. More than 75 vendors will be participating. More information can be found at: <https://ctsheep.com/ct-sheep-wool-fiber-festival.html>.

The New Hampshire Sheep and Wool Growers Association is holding the New Hampshire Sheep and Wool Festival on May 11, 2024, from 9 am to 5 pm and May 12, 2024 from 9 am to 4 pm at the Deerfield Fairgrounds in Deerfield NH. There will be workshops, demonstrations, and youth programs plus many vendors. For more details go to: <https://nhswga.org>.

The Massachusetts Sheep and Woolcraft Fair on May 25, 2024, from 9 am until 5 pm and on May 26, 2024 from 9 am to 4 pm will be held at the Cummington Fairgrounds. Additional information can be found at: <https://masheepwool.org>.

The 30th annual North East Youth Sheep Show (NEYSS) is scheduled for July 19 through July 21, 2024. For 40 years, the New England Sheep and Wool Growers Association has sponsored this show for youth in the northeast region. For more information go to: <https://www.nesheep.org>.

District 1 is looking forward to hosting the 2024 Annual Dinner and National Romney Show which will be held during the Eastern States Exposition in Springfield Massachusetts in September. The Annual Dinner is on Friday, September 20, 2024, at the Storrowton Tavern on the fairgrounds. The National Romney Show will be in the Mallary Building at 1:00 pm on Sunday, September 22, 2024.

More details will follow soon so that you can plan ahead and participate in the show and attend the dinner.

### Membership Tidbits:

District 1 members have been busy with lambing, 4-H and breed organization activities and festival preparations.

Alexandra, Kenny and Elizabeth Briggs, Brawnwyn Wolfe, Theresa, Tim and Patrick Walker of the Woolmark Shepherds will be serving breakfast for the Strafford County Farm Bureau Fundraiser Breakfast from 7:30 to 12:00 on April 14, 2024. All funds will benefit the SCFB "Youth in Agriculture Grant Program." The 4-H club families recently toured the NH Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory and learned about the services the lab performs for all of Northern New England.

Ann Wishart and her daughter Jess Ann have been busy with lambing and caring for 2 beautiful bottle babies.

Judy Miller will be gearing up for the Maine fair season as soon as things warm up.

Emma Rogers has been working with her lambs, and promoting the North East Youth Sheep Show. If anyone is interested in volunteering, please contact Emma at: [emmamorton246@gmail.com](mailto:emmamorton246@gmail.com).

If you have photos or news, a favorite pattern, or instructions for crafting with wool that you would like to share, please contact me and I will be happy to include your note in the Ramblings under District 1. My email address is [windingwicksand-wool@gmail.com](mailto:windingwicksand-wool@gmail.com).

May you have a lovely late spring and early summer.

District 1 Photos: Marianne DiTaranto:



### District 2: Scarlet Lamphier:

Another very mild winter here in the Finger Lakes area of New York State.

It brings me such great joy to see all the adorable Romney lambs everyone is posting on FB and Instagram, since I have no lambs to cuddle myself!

We only have our small fiber flock, since retirement, but I do still have many fond memories of all those lambing years to look back on! I also can sympathize with all of you that have shared your heartbreak situations, those I do not miss. Even though, as our favorite Vet shared with me his words of wisdom long ago, that you learn during these hard times of difficulty, to someday be able to help others in their times of need.

So again, March has been a time of relaxation, knitting a baby blanket with our farm raised, hand dyed Romney yarn while sitting on the beach in Florida!

Remember to check out the calendar of events!

51st Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival May 4 & 5

Please feel free to contact me with any news, questions, or pictures!!

### District 3: Stacy Schmoll:

Happy Spring? Winter? Mother nature is not sure what season it is in the Midwest this year. We've had some pretty warm weather early on, but as we near the end of March, she's reminded us that we needed a little more winter. Hopefully everyone is having a good lambing season and are nearing the end of late-night lamb checks.

Jackpot shows and Breeder Association meetings are getting in full swing. Please reach out with any shows/clinics/camps that we can add to our Romney association website/facebook calendars. This is a great resource to see what is in your area, and also in neighboring areas.

Enjoy the remainder of spring and we hope to see many of you at the National Romney Sale in Ohio May 9<sup>th</sup> -11th.

### District 4: Sue Kalina:

Hello Fellow Oregon Romney Breeders! Romneys are dotting the green fields as spring has arrived. Time to select those beautiful ewe lambs for keeping in the flock and selecting the right ram. If you need a ram, look early in the season as they get harder to find as the summer arrives. Maybe Black Sheep Gathering is your spot to find a ram and wool! There are many wool events in Oregon, please see the ARBA Calendar, I have placed events there.

Welcome NARA members to ARBA. We are very excited to have you join the association. Please let me know if I can help you in anyway. Remember to get your NARA papers transferred by May 31<sup>st</sup> for a discount. Welcome again and look forward to seeing you at upcoming events.

The District 4 Director (Oregon) position is up for re-election. If you are interested in representing Oregon on the national board, please contact any board member.

The annual meeting is in Massachusetts this year at the Big E in September. Make plans now to attend! The fair is awesome, I have been there once. It's a great experience to get out and see other parts of the U.S. and fairs. A meeting is a great opportunity to visit with fellow Romney breeders.

### District 5: Tracy Haslem:

No report at this time.

### District 6: Vacant:



Buddy!

# American Sheep Industry:

House Agriculture Committee Chair Rep. G.T. Thompson (PA) has projecting and making plans to markup a Farm Bill by Memorial Day. It remains to be seen if a new Farm Bill can be passed before the next deadline expires.

Continue to speak with your government officials to emphasize the importance of updating and passing a new Farm Bill. The fact sheets can be found at [www.sheepusa.org](http://www.sheepusa.org). If you are unsure why a particular position is important to the industry - speak with your state ASI representative. We are always happy to help decipher the policies for you.

The Loan Deficiency Program (LDP) for ungraded wool offers 40 cents per pound greasy. Work with your local Farm Service Agency (FSA) office if you think you would benefit from this program.

## THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE WANTS TO KNOW:

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.



Little Hooves Romney

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## Junior News:

### Donated Ewe Lamb: Willis Plank

E/C 2418

DOB: 1-23-2024

SIRE: E/C Plank 2032 (Champion Ram at Naile in 2020)

Dam: E/C Plank 1729

**All funds from the sale of this ewe lamb will go back to support the Romney Jr Shows (All American + NAILE Jr show).**

A way we would love to give back to the Junior's and allow the Junior breeders to participate in the fun activities the Romney Association does for them at the All American and NAILE, is donating this ewe lamb to help raise more funds to continue this.

This is a great ewe to start the foundation of your Natural Color flock. She is long-bodied with an attractive profile to her, which catches your eye. She is very wide all the way to the base, offering a lot of bone. Dam is 1729 which is a full sibling to the stud ram "Rock" that we raised and sold to 3L&N'S Farms (Penny Swearingen).



## Enjoy The Romney Breeders & Fiber!

Penny Swearingen, Director At Large

Love the ARBA Romneys & Our Breeders for all their great attributes!  
Spotlighting 3 Romney Breeders in District 3 Showcasing wonderful Romney Fleece & Skill!

13 Yr Old Sadie Bonyng of Aledo Illinois  
S&J Bonyng Farm  
Critter Crazy, Loves Romneys and Showing @AAJS,  
Michigan Fiber Fest, Mercer Co Fair. Photography,  
Painting, Drawing & Needle felting.  
She sold her first piece @ Illinois Fiber Festival.



Mackenzie Vanklompberg age 20 of Bloomingdale Michigan  
Romney Breeder & Self taught Needle Felting who does commissioned  
felting pieces. She donated both a Needle Felted Romney (after fierce bid-  
ding the piece headed to OR) and a Pencil Drawing to 2023 Annual  
Meeting Silent Auction.

Enjoy more of her work on FB @Kenzierose needle felting

Hailing From Cambridge Ohio is Cheryl Dunlap  
Cheryl's Old Orchard Romneys Show Romneys in Ohio, Michigan & Maryland.  
She has an enthusiastic Romney Fleece Market!  
She also donated to the 2023 Annual ARBA Silent Auction  
Her Felted Squirrel brought enthusiasm in the bidding & headed out to Oregon.





## **American Romney Breeders Association Futurity Results for 2023: Charlene Carlisle**

This year there were thirty-three nominations from eight breeders, from six states for our Futurity Program. Twelve youth participated by returning their post show placement paperwork. ARBA collected \$660 from these nominations and 100% gets returned to the participating youth based on point accumulations from each show. See results below.

The Futurity Program for 2024 is underway and nominations can be submitted on either ewe lambs or yearling ewes bought or home grown. See specific rules on ARBA's website for details. Once nominated, it is up to the youth to submit verification of placement for each show that the lamb/yearling ewe participates in. The form needs to be submitted within 2 weeks of each show. Points are accumulated throughout the show season and placings are realized at the end. Checks will be sent out after official results have been announced.

### **White Home Raised Romney Yearling Ewes**

First Place Sadie Bonyng (IL) 3L 0009 S&J Bonyng (IL)

### **White Owned Romney Yearling Ewes (no forms returned)**

### **White Home Raised Romney Ewe Lambs (no forms returned)**

### **White Owned Romney Ewe Lambs**

First Place Tie Ava Jo Hayes (NJ) Little Hooves 320 Little Hooves Romneys (NJ)

First Place Tie Kenny Briggs (NH) Winding Wicks 2318 Winding Wicks (NH)

Second Place Brooke Young (TN) Winding Wicks 2340 Winding Wicks (NH)

Third Place Tie Sadie Bonyng (IL) 3L 2258 3 L&S Farms (MI)

Third Place Tie George Fry (IN) Winding Wicks 2307 Winding Wicks (NH)

Fourth Place Tie Katelyn Oberholtzer (PA) Winding Wicks 2312 Winding Wicks (NH)

Fourth Place Tie Sadie Bonyng (IL) 3L 2346 3 L&S Farms (MI)

Fifth Place Thomas Wallace (OH) Plank 2308 Plank Farms (MI)

### **Natural Colored Home Raised Romney Yearling Ewes**

First Place Caitlin Plank (MI) E/C Plank 2229 E/C Plank (MI)

### **Natural Colored Owned Romney Yearling Ewes (no forms submitted)**

### **Natural Colored Home Raised Romney Ewe Lambs (no forms submitted)**

### **Natural Colored Owned Romney Ewe Lambs**

First Place Josie Bonyng (IL) 3L 2306 3 L&S Farms (MI)

Second Place Tie Josie Bonyng (IL) 3L 2259 3 L&S Farms (MI)

Second Place Tie George Fry (IN) Winding Wicks 2323 Winding Wicks (NH)

Third Place Tie Elizabeth Briggs (NH) Winding Wicks 2305 Winding Wicks (NH)

Third Place Tie Hunter Hayes (NJ) Little Hooves 344 Little Hooves (NJ)

Fourth Place George Fry (IN) Winding Wicks 2315 Winding Wicks (NH)

Congratulations to all participants. This year the participation was much more active, therefore, the ties were much more prevalent.

Thanks to all the parents and breeders who helped make this possible.

# ARBA Needs YOU - repeat news - but we love the extra help!

How can YOU help us?

**Membership Directory** – The membership committee is working hard to get the directory updated and published. How can you help? Everyone should make sure their information is correct on the website and confirm this information with the ARBA secretary, Georgina Anderson at [secretary@americanromney.org](mailto:secretary@americanromney.org). Please do this ASAP to avoid having your information published incorrectly.

**Advertising committee:** Rick Trojanoski, Advertising Committee Chairman

The advertising committee is looking for opportunities for free advertising and opportunities to submit free association news articles in sheep related publications.

A few other programs are in the works:

We are working on the development of a American Romney recipe brochure, feel free to submit your favorite lamb recipes with us for this project.

We are also in the feasibility/assessment stage of an American Romney blanket. This project has many obstacles that need to be worked out, but we are hopeful that we can get board approval and can start collecting wool for this project this spring. The way it would work is that producers would provide the needed weight of wool per blanket plus the cost to process the wool and at the end of the project they would receive back the blankets that they ordered. Please let us know if this is something you would be interested in doing.

If you have any input on these programs or if your state has produced a blanket and you have advice, please reach out to me - [Hopehollow@hotmail.com](mailto:Hopehollow@hotmail.com).

## **ARBA Secretary/Treasurer Position Open**

ARBA Secretary-Treasurer, Georgina Anderson, is moving to an exciting new career job, and will be vacating her position as ARBA Secretary/Treasurer.

The position is a part-time contracted position and requires the ability to work with Microsoft Office or Google Workspace programs, as well as basic accounting skills. Individuals interested in applying for the position can contact ARBA President, Anne McIntyre-Lahner at [Olympiafarm@att.net](mailto:Olympiafarm@att.net) by January 31, 2024.

## **Also: consider joining one or more ARBA Committees:**

ARBA committees are created by and report to the Board of Directors. Member participation is valued and is currently being sought. If you see a committee that interests you, or you think we could be doing better in a particular area, please consider joining one (or more) of our committees. When you identify the committee(s) you'd like to join, please reach out to the committee chair of that committee; you can find a listing in the "About ARBA" section of our website. We value member input and would love to have you join a committee!

**Ad hoc Document Control:** Penny Swearingen, chair

**Advertising Committee:** Rick Trojanoski, chair

**Education Committee:** Penny Swearingen, chair

**Website Advisory Committee:** Stephanie Booren and Charlene Carlisle, co-chairs

**Youth Committee:** Charlene Carlisle, chair

**AI/ET Committee:** Marianne DiTaranto chair

**Bylaws Committee:** Penny Swearingen and Marianne DiTaranto, co-chairs

**Policies & Procedures Committee:** 2023 chair to be determined

**National Show Rotation:** Stephanie Booren, chair

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chestnut oak seedling



Ewe 1952-24  
Tw Extension-dominant



Ewe 1954-24 BW  
Tw white

Breeding stock available. See the "for sale" tab on our website.

Cameron Pedigo, manager 845-217-1974

Elizabeth and Stephen Shafer, owners 917-453-7371



**The American Romney Breeders Association's National Sale is May 9th - 11th, 2024 in Greenville, Ohio.**

**Entry deadline is March 22nd, 2024.**

**[Please click here for more details about the Sale Schedule, consigning entries and sale management.](#)**

**Other Information:**

- Codon is suggested but not required.
- No limit on entries.
- If you are selling a ram older than 6 months, it is suggested to have Eliza (brucellosis) testing done. Although it is not required to sell, some states have restrictions for shipping without proof of negative brucellosis.

**Make your plans now, hoping to see you there!**

<b>Calendar of Events:</b>		
<b>EVENT</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>NOTES</b>
Hand Blade Sheep Shearing School	Apr. 18-20	theovejaproject@aol.com
North Central Arkansas Small Ruminant Conference	Apr. 19	Damascus, AR - <a href="http://www.uaex.uada.edu/farm-ranch/animals-forages/sheep-goats/small-ruminants-blog/posts/4-19-24-conference.aspx">www.uaex.uada.edu/farm-ranch/animals-forages/sheep-goats/small-ruminants-blog/posts/4-19-24-conference.aspx</a>
Washington State Beginner Shearing School	Apr. 22-26	Moses Lake, WA - <a href="mailto:smithsm@wsu.edu">smithsm@wsu.edu</a>
UCCE Mendocino & Lake Shearing School	Apr. 22-26	Clearlake Oaks, CA - <a href="http://www.surveys.ucanr.edu/survey.cfm?surveynumber=29322">www.surveys.ucanr.edu/survey.cfm?surveynumber=29322</a>
Innovation in the Lambing Barn Virtual Forum	Apr. 23	Online - <a href="http://tiny.cc/UWESheepTF">tiny.cc/UWESheepTF</a>
Michigan State University Parasite Webinar Series	Apr. 23	Online - <a href="http://events.anr.msu.edu/2024parasitemanagement">events.anr.msu.edu/2024parasitemanagement</a>
Small Ruminant Webinar Series: Feeding Your Flock's Genetic Potential with Proper Nutrition Management	Apr. 24	Online - <a href="http://www.livestock.extension.wisc.edu/programs/small-ruminant-webinar-series">www.livestock.extension.wisc.edu/programs/small-ruminant-webinar-series</a>
Four States Area Small Ruminant Meeting and FAMACHA Workshop	Apr. 25	Texarkana, AR - <a href="mailto:jsmallwood@uada.edu">jsmallwood@uada.edu</a>
Woolly Weekend at Shepherd's Cross	Apr. 25-27	Claremore, OK - <a href="http://www.shepherdsacross.com">www.shepherdsacross.com</a>
Texas A&M AgriLife Livestock Guardian Dog Field Day	Apr. 26	San Angelo, TX - <a href="mailto:bill.constanzo@ag.tamu.edu">bill.constanzo@ag.tamu.edu</a>
Minnesota Shearing School	Apr. 26-28	Hutchinson, MN - <a href="http://www.lambshoppe.com/events/mn-sheep-shearing-school-spring-2024">www.lambshoppe.com/events/mn-sheep-shearing-school-spring-2024</a>
Washington State Advanced Shearing School	Apr. 27	Moses Lake, WA - <a href="mailto:smithsm@wsu.edu">smithsm@wsu.edu</a>
Frederick Fiber Fest	Apr. 27	<a href="mailto:ddayoff@newspost.com">ddayoff@newspost.com</a>
CT Sheep and Wool Festival	Apr. 27	<a href="http://ctsheep.com">ctsheep.com</a>
Buckeye Young Shepherds' Expo	Apr. 28	Columbus, OH - <a href="http://www.ohiosheep.org">www.ohiosheep.org</a>
Grazing and Drought Management Webinar	Apr. 29	Online - <a href="http://www.z.umn.edu/GSGraze">www.z.umn.edu/GSGraze</a>
Michigan State University Parasite Webinar Series	Apr.30	Online - <a href="http://events.anr.msu.edu/2024parasitemanagement">events.anr.msu.edu/2024parasitemanagement</a>
98th Annual Cloverdale Ram Sale	May 4	Cloverdale, CA - <a href="mailto:sierrabruhn@gmail.com">sierrabruhn@gmail.com</a>
MD Sheep and Wool Festival	May 4-5	West Friendship, MD - <a href="mailto:office@sheepandwool.org">office@sheepandwool.org</a>
Michigan State University Parasite Webinar Series	May 7	Online - <a href="http://events.anr.msu.edu/2024parasitemanagement">events.anr.msu.edu/2024parasitemanagement</a>
IU-USU-SDSU Extension Sheep & Goat Monthly Webinar	May 8	Online - <a href="http://www.uidaho.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_fwILWKvuS2-dx3AJnWotNw">www.uidaho.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_fwILWKvuS2-dx3AJnWotNw</a>
American Romney Breeders Assoc. National Sale	May 9-11	Greenville, OH -
NH Sheep and Wool Festival	May 11-12	Deerfield, NH - <a href="http://nhswga.org">nhswga.org</a>
South Central Katahdins Assoc. Gathering & Private Treaty Sale	May 17-18	Fayetteville, AR - <a href="http://www.hair-sheep.com/index.htm">www.hair-sheep.com/index.htm</a>
ALB Targeted Grazing Workshop	May 20-22	Roxboro, NC - <a href="http://www.lambboard.com/grazing-workshops">www.lambboard.com/grazing-workshops</a>
Massachusetts Sheep and Woolcraft Fair	May 25-26	Cummington Fairgrounds - <a href="http://masheepwool.org">masheepwool.org</a>
74th Annual West VA Purebred Sheep and Goat Show & Sale	May 31-June 1	Petersburg, WV - <a href="http://www.wvsheepandgoatsale.com">www.wvsheepandgoatsale.com</a>
North Country Cheviot Sale	May 31-June 1	Petersburg, WV - <a href="http://www.northcountrycheviot.com">www.northcountrycheviot.com</a>
Mike McWilliams Memorial Shearing Contest	June 1	Roseburg, OR - Chad Furlong 541-914-1093
North East Youth Sheep Show	July 19-21	<a href="http://nesheep.org">nesheep.org</a>
ARBA Annual Dinner	Sept. 20	Springfield MA - Storrowton Tavern
National Romney Show	Sept. 22	Mallory Building at Eastern States Exposition

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. For more dates - there is a list at [www.sheepusa.org](http://www.sheepusa.org)

## Flock News: the human side of things:

If you have any news related to members or their families - please forward to:  
[patriciasanville@gmail.com](mailto:patriciasanville@gmail.com).

**In Memoriam:** Margaret Walters of Port Ludlow, passed away on January 24th, 2024, at the age of 84, in Mukilteo, Washington. Margaret was born Margaret Aileen Kossow on August 9th, 1939, in Gridley, California. After graduating from high school in Paradise, California, she left home for the big city, moving to San Francisco at the age of 17. There, while volunteering at a USO club, she met a young sailor, Gary Walters, and as newlyweds, they set off on a life of adventure as Gary pursued a career in the US Navy. Margaret packed and unpacked boxes in many new homes, from Hawaii, to California, Nevada, Scotland, Washington State, Florida, and finally back to Washington. Along the way, they raised three daughters, and Margaret also worked in administrative roles for the Navy. When their children had flown the nest, Margaret and Gary bought a farm, and Margaret immersed herself in raising Romney sheep and learning all about fiber arts, including spinning, knitting, and weaving. They became fixtures in the local sheep community, showing sheep and fleeces at county and state fairs in Washington, Oregon, and across the country. Margaret was also active in the American Romney Breeders Association. Margaret and Gary sold their farm and moved to Port Ludlow in 2013. Gary passed away in 2014, and Margaret then split her time between Port Ludlow and Bisbee, Arizona, when she wasn't touring the country in a small RV, with a procession of rescued standard poodles as her much-loved traveling companions. She leaves behind three daughters, Katrina Kerrigan (Bil), Lori Hope (Robert), and JoDee Walters (Paul Swindells), two grandchildren, Kate Thaete (Matt) and Liam Kerrigan, and three great-grandchildren.

Margaret will be deeply missed by her family and friends. A celebration of life will be held in April at a place dear to her heart. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that you consider a donation to the Lewy Body Dementia Association ([www.lbda.org](http://www.lbda.org)), or the pet charity of your choice. (as posted online of February 16, 2024 published in the Kitsap Sun)



Two longtime breeders have decided to retire and hang up their halters:

Congratulations on that milestone - you will be missed.

Pitchfork Farms  
Tawanda Farms

Happy trails to you and thanks for the memories - we hope to see you ringside every now and then!

### Human Babies!

Congratulations to Rick and Alison Trojanoski on your new granddaughter and to Patricia and David Sanville on the birth of their grandson. (Ian Sanville is a previous junior member) Congrats to all!



Finley Rupert Sanville



Abigail Eileene Trojanoski

## What are the Juniors up to? Charlene Carlisle

Sunday selfies continue until April 28th, 2024.

If you haven't checked them out yet, you are missing out on some fun photos. The photos are posted to FaceBook and In-stagram every Sunday. Please feel free to post and comment or text photos to 609-760-0399 and I will post for you.

The Sunday Selfies started out as a Junior activity during Covid just to stay in touch but has continued and now we have all ages participating.

ARBA's Futurity program was very successful this year with results posted in this edition of the Ramblings. See details on ARBA's website with rules and nomination forms. There should be Futurity nominated ewes in the National Sale so this is a good opportunity for any youth looking for ewe lambs or yearlings to make a few extra bucks and to put it back into your flock.

The All American JR Show is our National JR Show this year. It will be held in East Lansing, MI from July 4 -7, 2024. This is a great show and a great experience for all ages. Show information can be found at [allamericanjuniorshow.com](http://allamericanjuniorshow.com)

The Northeast Youth Sheep Show is held in West Springfield, MA from July 19 - 21, 2024. This is another great youth show. More info can be found at [nesheep.org](http://nesheep.org) Looking forward to seeing old friends and making new ones this summer. Let's make some memories that will last a lifetime.



**Thank you all!**



**It has been an absolute blast seeing these pop up each Sunday!**

## ARBA National Sale - Greenville, OH: Charlene Carlisle

Mark Your Calendar ARBA's National Sale is scheduled for May 9-11th, 2024 in Greenville, Ohio.

The sale is managed by the Ohio Showcase Sale. This is our first year and plan to have this serve as our National Sale on a yearly basis. The consignments have been entered and we anticipate a successful sale. There are 40 entries with 23 white and 17 natural colored. Catalog should be available online in the not too distant future. Online bidding will be available through breedersworld.com Make plans to come in person or stay at home by the computer, just don't miss this opportunity. We will have a casual get together on sale day so come and meet breeders, buyers and other Romney enthusiasts. There should be plenty of transportation options as sheep come to this sale from all across the US. Hope to see you at our First Annual ARBA National Sale, managed by the Ohio Showcase Sale, in Greenville, Ohio.

As an added bonus, a natural colored ewe lamb has been donated by E/C Plank Romneys to be auctioned off with proceeds going to the AAJS and NAILE Jr Show. Please see further details in this edition of the Ramblings.

### IPAD Raffle: Charlene Carlisle

New raffle to help raise funds to support Juniors at All American JR Show and NAILE's JR Show. So pleased to announce that Ethan Kennedy of Thistle Down Farm has donated a new iPad to be raffled with 100% funds going to AAJS and NAILE JR Show. The iPad is a 9th Generation Wi-Fi 64 GB with a smart cover. These two shows require the most funds and we must always plan ahead and have these funds available. In the past we have done several raffles on donated ewe lambs and quilts which have always been very successful. This raffle will start now and ticket sales will continue up until the National Show at the BigE in September of this year. The tickets will be \$5 each or 5 for \$20. Tickets will be available for sale at most sheep gatherings including the National Sale in Greenville, Ohio and Maryland Sheep & Wool Festival (both in May) or feel free to contact any director or myself to purchase. More details will be forthcoming on FaceBook and Instagram. This raffle is kinda a pop up, spur of the moment raffle idea so we need to sell tickets fast and furious. Anyone wanting to help sell tickets please reach out to Charlene Carlisle, 609-760-0399 (text or call) or email [ccshep1@aol.com](mailto:ccshep1@aol.com)

Thanks for the continued support of our Juniors!

### ARBA 2024 Elections: Anne McIntyre-Lahner

This year, Directors of ARBA districts 2, 4 and 6 and one at-large Director are scheduled for elections. If you would like to be considered for nomination for the Director position of district 2, 4 or 6, for the at-large Director position, please contact one of the following people by email before May 1, 2024:

District Director: Rick Trojanoski, Stephanie Booren, Penny Swearingen

At-Large Director: Marianne DiTaranto, Stacy Schmoll, Tracy Haslem

#### **Timeframe**

April 1 Nominating Committees Convene

May 1 Nominating Committees submit nominees

Self-Nominations due

May 15 Candidates Statements Due

June 1 Ballots mailed out

July 15 Return Ballots must be post-marked by this date

July 30 Ballots counted and candidates notified

September 20 Annual Meeting new board members inducted to the board

#### **Process**

Nominating Committee

Self-nominations

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