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Motivation and working together; We all agree we are members of the Finnsheep Breeders Association to continue pursuing our breed, to educate others and to maintain the standards of the breed.

In order to continue on we must all work together. As with many organizations, I have been blessed to be a member of in the past, there is usually the same group of folks that are doing all the work... these are the few that come up with the ideas to better the group and sometimes leave the not so active members in the dust wondering why the heck they are even members, as they are not needed.

There could not be a more false statement. We do have the select few.. Those that try with all their might to keep things moving in a forward motion. Some thrive on being in the spotlight while others are just doing what needs to be done and continue because there is no-one else.

This is where our membership needs to step up. There are Finnsheep farms all over the United States, Yet our information booths continue to be held on the east coast. Midwesterners, and those further west.. where are you guys? We need you! If you are holding display booths promoting our breed speak up, we’d love to hear from you. We can also supply you with a banner and assorted brochures.

We NEED our members to become more active. We need help.. there are a few committees that would be nice to start up, but there are not enough volunteers. There will also be several openings next May on the Board.. Let’s get motivated and see some fresh folks.

I look forward to 2016 and the new possibilities it brings.

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FINNSHEEP COLOR COMMITTEE
by Joanna Porter
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Newly formed with the support of the FBA is the Finnsheep Color Committee. The Committee has three main goals: to provide basic information on sheep color genetics, to provide clearer guidelines for registration, and finally to pursue new research on genes relevant to Finnsheep. Joining me on the committee are Lisa Mawson, Leanne Hughes and Megan Pennington.

My interest in Finnsheep color expression stems from a lifelong interest and study of biology as well as my experience as a shepherd and handspinner. Currently I am working to publish a short, concise paper explaining basic genetics with a specific view of sheep color expression. The committee hopes that this will help establish a basis for curious minds to research this topic for themselves.

We aim to create a clear guide for registration complete with photos to aid anyone registering lambs or sheep with the FBA. When finalized, this guide will be available on the FBA website. While it will not require any member to become an expert on DNA research, we hope that the newer designations will enable potential buyers and breeders to look at a sheep’s pedigree and have a pretty good idea of what genes are in play. As of yet, the logistics of the new designations are still being worked out. Curious as to what might change? One change that has been strongly suggested is designating a name for modified blacks or browns. “Modified” black that yields a rich, dark brown (without sun bleaching of course) may end up being called “coffee” instead of simply “black”. We hope this will help cut back on inaccurately registered “brown” lambs.

Discussions and photos are always welcome on the Facebook group “A Study into American Finnsheep Color Genetics.” Many have already posted photos there of Finnsheep with unusual colors or markings. The more member involvement the better!

A main topic that has come up for new research on the Facebook page is spotting genetics. It has become eminently clear that recognizing only one spotting gene in sheep is not sufficient. With the evidence of overo piebalds, classic piebalds, Dalmatian spotting, and ticking, the need has arisen to delve deeper into this topic than most previous research of sheep color genetics has done. I have reached out to both Margaret Howard (the author of The Coat of Many Colors: A Survey of Sheep Color Pattern Expression) and Dr. Phillip Sponenberg (Doctor of Veterinary medicine with a focus on coat color research) with positive responses from both of them.

If you have any questions you would like to ask or contributions you would like to make, please take the opportunity to contact me at Joannaporter1@gmail.com.
Scam Alert!!
by Jan Hamby
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We all know that the economic crash had an impact on farmers who raise breeding stock. Sales of breeding animals fell dramatically and the possibility of an average breeder to sell animals at a profit was greatly diminished. Well, we aren’t the only ones who know it. Scam artists have caught on to the fact that there are a number of breeders who may be overly eager to sell. This eagerness could set a breeder up to take risks as they rush to a sale.

A current scheme targeting breeders takes advantage of the fact that we often make our email addresses readily available for possible buyers. The con artist contacts the breeders by email inquiring if they have any animals available for sale for a relatively low value. When the breeder responds with possible animals, the supposed buyer will choose the least expensive animals and offer an immediate deal. The terms include the breeder accepting a check in excess of the value of the purchase with instructions to cash the check and then wire the remaining funds to the buyer’s agent who will arrange for pick up and shipment of the animals to their new home.

It sounds good, right? It’s not.

What the perpetrator intends is that the breeder will accept the deal, cash the check, wire the money and then happily wait for contact from the agent to arrange for shipping. Unfortunately, the check will bounce. Worse still, the breeder will now be responsible to pay back the value of the entire check – not just the portion that the breeder accepted for the sale. The money that the breeder wired to the agent will be long gone and the breeder will be out hundreds, or even thousands, of dollars.

The FBI verified that this scam is not limited to breeders. The common element is the promise of a check worth more than the value of an item for sale or transfer.

Keep your bank account safe and consider the following advice as you do business:

- Always insist on allowing any check that you accept to be confirmed as completely cleared by your bank before you spend or transfer any funds received from cashing the check.

- When possible, personally meet buyers. (You’ll want to assess their ability to care for your animals anyway.)

- Have a healthy suspicion about doing business with an internet only contact.

- If the deal sounds strange, question it. The case investigated would have shipped two average animals from the east coast to the west coast – why would someone do this when there are breeders in California? Additionally the supposed buyer claimed to want these animals for breeding and offered the deal sight unseen.

  Finally, remember, if it sounds too good to be true – it probably is!

WRITE FOR SHORT TALES!!!

Thank you Jan Hamby, Joanna Porter and Sarah Parshall for contributing articles.
Thank you Anne Marie Elkins, Sharon Milewski and Sarah Parshall for contributing pictures.
What about you? Share you experiences with your fellow Finnsheep breeders.
Send contributions to Mary O’Malley at Maryfinnsheepbreeder@yahoo.com or 1600 Ednor Road, Silver Spring, MD 20905.
The Youth Conservationist Program, Liesel and Me by Sarah Parshall

Ever since I can remember, I have been interested in animals. My initial passion was horses. I begged my parents for a horse, borrowed every book in the equine section of our local library and visited our neighbor’s unfriendly stallion. I searched the pet section of the newspaper for horses for sale. At age six, I attended a horse camp. Though I fell off a big horse, I got right back on. I went on to lease several horses, compete English and Western in shows and eventually, win high point champion many times. My experience with horses made me comfortable around large animals.

After reading The Omnivore’s Dilemma by Michael Pollan, my interest in animals gravitated towards livestock raised to produce food and fiber. I explored self-sufficiency, researched livestock from alpaca to quail, visited livestock farms and a veterinary clinic. A girls’ science day at Cornell University and the Cornell Small Farm videos expanded my understanding of the challenges of raising livestock. I read about animals, wrote about animals, and dreamed about animals.

In 2012, my family considered a number of animal species to expand our small farm of several dozen egg chickens. We decided on Angora goats, but, luckily, those plans fell through, and instead purchased Nigerian Dwarf goats and Icelandic sheep. I chose Icelandic sheep because I was interested in preserving heritage breeds; specifically, the thousand-year-old genetics of the Icelandics. However, two Shetland sheep from the Folk Art Guild in Middlesex, NY, also came to live at our farm, again to help preserve a heritage breed with genetics that should not be lost. Both breeds of sheep are beautiful, the Icelandic with their long locks and soft undercoat, and the Shetland sheep with their soft, wavy fleece. However, while I liked these heritage breeds, I spent more time with my goats. The sheep were not my favorite animals on our farm.

I have a vague memory of seeing an exhibition on Finnsheep at a festival somewhere, and immediately thought, “This is the breed for me.” The Finnsheep fleece is soft and lustrous, with defined curls or crimp. The breed is prolific, routinely delivering triplets and quads and even quintuplets. But how to find one? I wondered. The Finnsheep is rare, with only about four hundred registered every year in the United States. Busy with other livestock, I pushed the question to the back of my mind.

In early 2015, I heard about a scholarship program at the Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival called the Youth Conservationist Program, where winners are awarded a heritage breed of their choice. Perhaps this would be my chance to acquire my favorite breed of sheep. I wrote my essay, rustled up a letter of recommendation, specified a Finnsheep as my preferred breed, and sent off my application. Soon after, a letter arrived requesting that I come to the Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival to pick up my Finnsheep!

I was excited to see my first photographs of Liesel, and ecstatic when I met her for the first time. Liesel is sweet, friendly, and silly. Not many girls have dreams like this come true; I am incredibly lucky to own the very sheep breed that I want to help preserve, especially since the Finnsheep is so rare.

I recently exhibited Liesel at the Finger Lakes Fiber Festival, and shared information about the Youth Conservationist Program and Finnsheep. Festival goers commented that my sheep were the friendliest there. I received several requests for fleeces. I am excited to shear her and use the fleece. Liesel’s fleece is more lustrous and curly than my Shetlands and Icelandics. Her temperament is easier than my other sheep, she is definitely less of a troublemaker.

I encourage others to raise Finnsheep. It is truly a unique breed, with a lot of wonderful assets. I thank my donor breeder, Mary O’Malley, so very much for all the support she has offered me, and I thank Mary Tucker for leasing me her ram, and for all she has taught me. My experience with the Youth Conservationist Program has been fantastic.
Group Ads- Promoting the FBA and You!

by Mary O’Malley

Honeysuckle Farm, Silver Spring, MD

Subscribers to THE BANNER and THE SHEPHERD may have seen the full page ads featuring FBA and member farms. A similar ad in SHEEP! will soon follow. While the cost of a full page ad is significant ($500-600), when (current) members join together, the price is extremely reasonable. Response to the ads has been positive and several members have commented that they would like to see more of these opportunities.

A challenge for me in coordinating these ads is to reach members for whom I do not have an email address. If you do not receive emails from me and would like to do so, please email me at Maryfinnsheepbreeder@yahoo.com. Alternatively, if you do not use the computer, but would like to be included in an ad, please write me at 1600 Ednor Road, Silver Spring, MD 20905. You might even call me at 301-421-9520.

The deadline for the upcoming SHEEP ad is December 8, 2015. Please contact me no later than

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Farm Name: __________________________________________________________________________________________________________________

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MEMBERSHIP YEAR:  20_ _    Please Check All That Apply:

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_____ Scrapie Flock ID (if participant): __________________ ( ) Export ( ) Select ( ) Pending ( ) Enrolled ( ) Certified

The FBA encourages breeders to participate in the Scrapie program; however, participation is not required to become a FBA Member.

_ _ _ Short Tale Newsletter via Email (this will come via MaryFinnsheepbreeder@yahoo.com)

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_____ Breeder Directory Listing ($ 30.00) FBA Members Only: (Includes FBA website directory, FBA on-line data-base and Short Tales directory) Six (6) photos (jpg format preferred) may be added to a listing; send form and photo files by email to: webmaster@finnsheep.org

( ) Purebred Finnsheep ( ) Commercial Breeder ( ) Cross-Bred Finnsheep – List crosses________________________________________

( ) Wool or Other Value Added Products – list __________________________________________________________________________________

Breeder Directory Listing – Include a brief description of 20 words or less.

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The Flock Prefix enables Exclusive use of your name, flock, or farm on registrations and is a One Time fee. The Flock Prefix fits best if 10 letters or less...this gives space for the entire animal ID to fit in the space provided on the Certificate of Registry.

Total Amount Due: $ __________________ (Make check to: Finnsheep Breeders’ Association)

Membership/Annual Activity Fees are due on or before January 7th of each year. Members receive a free yearly subscription to “Short Tales” newsletter via email (unless requested in hard-copy format). Access to the Finnsheep Breeders chat group on Yahoo for encouragement or help in your endeavor, A copy of meeting minutes, and an annual report. Members will receive copies of other pertinent mailings and/or emails. I/we agree to be governed by the rules, regulations, constitution and by-laws of the Association as amended from time to time, and to keep written records of breeding, exact birth dates and litter sizes of Finnsheep, and further, that I/we will furnish promptly any information concerning same at any time when requested to do so by the Association.

Signed: ________________________________ Date: __________________________
Finnsheep Breeders Association

Finnsheep breeders are now found across many States producing purebred and crossbred Finnsheep. Breeders look to the Finnsheep Breeders Association, Inc. to provide record keeping of registrations and transfers of the breed. Since the 1971 inception of the Finnsheep Breeders Association, Inc. the organization has drawn on the expertise of leading research authorities to enhance the Finnsheep breed and provide leadership in promoting the Finnsheep qualities and characteristics.

Mission Statement

The American Finnsheep Breeders Association:

* Provides a national pedigree breed recording system for Finnsheep
* Maintains the Finnsheep breed standard for the USA.
* Promotes animal health within the breed and nationally
* Fosters and promotes the proliferation and marketing of Finnsheep within the national sheep industry and abroad