

# Fleece Show & Sale

## ATTENTION MARYLAND FLEECE PRODUCERS! \$100 MARYLAND SHEPHERDS CUP

The purpose of this award is to recognize consistent excellence in the production of handspinning fleeces by wool producers in Maryland. The winner will be judged to have entered the best set of five handspinning fleeces from an individual Maryland shepherd.

The Maryland Shepherds Cup is offered in remembrance of Mary Ann Jackson, shepherd at Spinning Flock Farm. Mary Ann was a long time supporter and active member of the Festival Committee and MSBA. As well as being named 2006 Maryland Shepherd of the Year with her husband Ed, Mary Ann initiated the fiber arts and shepherd workshops at the Festival, taught innumerable beginning spinners and weavers, and was a tireless supporter of textile arts.

The best set of five fleeces will be the one that best demonstrates consistently high quality across all five, which may as a group reflect factors such as: specific breed character; perfectly matched fleeces (color, character, consistency, quality); variety of fleece types; natural colors, etc.

The award will include a perpetual trophy inscribed with the name of each year's winner plus a \$100 prize.

### **Guidelines for entering:**

1. Maryland shepherds will designate five handspinning fleeces that best represent their flock and breeding program goals. The fleeces must be from sheep belonging to the shepherd entering them and the farm must be in Maryland.
2. All five fleeces must also be individually entered in the appropriate Division and Class for Show and Sale.
3. Check appropriate box on entry form to be included in MD Shepherd's Cup competition.
4. Only one entry (of 5 fleeces) for the Shepherds Cup per individual shepherd or flock.



*Mary Ann Jackson*