

## **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, MaryAnn 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 entry of five fleeces will be the handspinners flock that has the highest quality fleeces for handspinning. This group can include diversity in fleece types or color or may be a grouping that demonstrates potential for a range of spinning techniques and outcomes. It could also be a historic flock; a homestead flock; or a perfectly matched group. (Above all this is the hand spinners flock with outstanding fleeces).

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 fleeces from their own Maryland flock that exhibit the best handspinning qualities. 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.