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EAGMA was founded in 1987 as "VAGMA" (Virginia Angora Goat and Mohair Association) to foster and support, through education and marketing, small Angora goat farming, small mohair-based business, and the acceptance of a non-traditional farm animal. In 2008, in recognition of the growing diversity of the membership, VAGMA became the Eastern Angora Goat and Mohair Association.

EAGMA members,

Well, it sure has been a hot and humid summer. I hope you and your goats are making it through without too many problems. This is the season for parasite and coccidian out-breaks, so keep an eye on those goaties. Here is the link to an article about a new treatment for coccidia. Read down through to the part about coccidia, there is then a link to the product. Some of us have used it. It is a bit pricey, but when considering the time and cost of treating all of your goats for 10 days with Corid, it is well worth the price.

<http://www.olsonacres.com/Goat%20Care.htm>. There is also a summary of studies on diatomaceous earth later on in the newsletter.

We are pleased to be having a fall goat show in conjunction with the Shenandoah Valley Fiber Festival again this year. There will also be a mohair show and sale at SVFF. All fleeces need to be entered by 8:00 am, Sat. Sept 28. We will also allow the sale of washed fleeces. They will not be judged, but can be for sale only. Please have forms filled out and ready when you get to the festival so we can stick to the schedule and get them on over to the sale as soon as possible. Tracy Ross, from Harper TX, will be the judge. Please see the web page for forms and information for both the goat- and the fleece show.

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I have heard through the grapevine that one of our members, Dan Melamed, is now on the AAGBA board of directors. He is filling out the term of one who has resigned due to health issues. Congrats, Dan!

The New York Sheep and Wool Festival has asked the EAGMA members to give them a hand with the Angora goat show this year. If any of you will be there at Rhinebeck and can "give a hand," please let one of the board members know. We will shortly have a list of things needing to be done – such as assigning pens, announcing the show, helping show goats, taking photos of the show participants, handing out ribbons, and taking notes of who wins each class. Thanks in advance! Also, Ted Smith, Smith Family Angoras, from Mason TX, will be the judge.

The board is also going to be working on getting a mohair pool together for next year. Dates and details will follow. If any of you can help with this, please let us know. We will need a pick-up location and hands to help load. We will probably not be pooling mohair like in the past – everyone will have their own bags. You will need to have your bags labeled with the grade of hair and all of you information (name, address etc.). This will help keep the process streamlined and move paperwork along more quickly. You will get paid directly from the warehouse.

See you at the shows! - Greta

Web Site Updates

Please check out the new look of our EAGMA web site. One of the links is to the EAGMA Market Place which is available free to all members. The categories are:

Livestock
Yarns and Roving
Pelts
Fleeces
Fiber Related Products
Guard and Herding Animals
Equipment

You can be listed under as many categories as are applicable to you. All you have to do is make sure your contact information is accurate on the membership list on the webpage and then compose a 1-2 sentence description of what you have to sell. For instance under Livestock for Sale: *"Fine-fleeced, dominant colored Angora Goats for sale. Taking reservations for kids after weaning; several does with kids will be available."* Members should send it to Pat Harder at: kidhollow@cstone.net with the subject line: "Market Place"

“Goatworthy”...

- Emily Chamelin, shearer for many in the Delmarva area, received injury in a shearing accident. Please keep her in your thoughts for a rapid recovery!
- Have you heard about the coccidia treatment that is only one dose per animal per treatment? It is cost-competitive against current methods, and is used at 5cc per kid goat.
<http://horseprerace.com/toltrazuril%28Compare-the-active-ingredient-of-Baycox%C2%AE%29/toltrazuril-for-epm-200ml/>
- Rhinebeck, New York Sheep and Wool Show - EAGMA will be supporting this show. Members are encouraged to attend and possibly volunteer to help work at this show. Dan has been so kind as to be the point person for this show for many years and has asked for others to try to help him out. We ask you do to so!

Members & Membership

- EAGMA Dues for the 2013 calendar year are now overdue. The application form can be found on the final page of this newsletter.
- Memberships: The board has voted in favor of

Welcome to New Members!

Katie Clifford
Delaplane, VA

Robert Phillips
Timberville VA

Annie Lesch
Manchester, MD

Katrina Updike
Fluffy U Fiber Farm LLC
Diver PA

From the EAGMA Board:

Phone Conference Board Meeting, 8/5/13 at 7:30 PM.
Members present:

Greta Dise
Leslie Orndorf
Pat Harder
Nina Cooper

Melanie Pitts
Connie Deatherage
Brice Wonders
Mindy Wilson

Regarding the Shenandoah Valley Fiber Festival:

It was agreed that EAGMA would pay the \$75.00 booth fee to host our own fleece sale separate from the festival's sale. The cost to place a fleece in the sale is \$3.00 per fleece plus 5% commission upon sale. The forms for both the fleece competition and the fleece sale are on the EAGMA website. It was agreed that while only raw fleeces may be judged, both raw and washed fleeces may be sold.

Nina is looking into a vet to give a "vet talk" on Saturday. There will be a "judge's talk" on Sunday.

There will be a raffle held Sunday afternoon; time is TBA.

Help with setting up the pens prior to the show is being looked into. Possibilities are the Boy Scouts or maybe a 4-H group.

The show schedule should now be posted on the website.

The Sponsorships for the EAGMA/SVFF show will be lowered from \$50.00 to \$30.00.

Also discussed was the need to offer help for the Rhinebeck Goat Show in October. A list of the tasks needed to be done will be loaded onto the website.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45.

making two changes in the dues structure for EAGMA.

1. **Gift Memberships** are now available for a maximum of one year and may be purchased by a **current EAGMA member** to give to a **non-EAGMA member customer** that he/she sells a goat to. The cost will be \$10. At the end of that year, the new member will be encouraged to join for the following year for the usual fee of \$25.
2. **A Youth Membership** will now be available for anyone 18 years old and under for an annual cost of \$10. Youth Memberships do not have voting rights. The membership form on the web page will be updated soon so that the type of membership can be indicated.

Wooster Show News

Due to a lack of pre-registration for participation at Wooster, the Great Lakes Angora Goat show was canceled. This was unfortunate, as the weekend ended up with a high of about 80 degrees and a fantastic turnout of people around the venue.

However, due to the Ohio show cancellation, the Board voted to support the show in Berryville, VA again this year as well as the Rhinebeck, NY show. See below.

Shenandoah Valley Fiber Festival Show News

EAGMA is returning to Berryville, VA for the Shenandoah Valley Fiber Festival on September 27-28, 2013 at the Clark County Fairgrounds.

When you are sending in your registrations for the show (if you haven't already), please don't forget about show sponsorships! Sponsorships for any class/competition are \$30 each. You'll hear your farm announced during the show, and if you get your paperwork in before publication deadline, the program will advertise your farm.

ENTRIES ARE DUE SEPTEMBER 15. You may submit your entry after that date, but you are not guaranteed a space in the show program. All of the forms can be found on the EAGMA website: http://angoragoats.com/?page_id=724.

~~ SVFF Goat Show Schedule 2013 ~~

Friday, September 27

2:00-8:00 PM Animal/Fleece Check-in

Saturday, September 28

8:00-8:30 AM - Fleece Check-in

8:00 - 10:00 AM - Animal Check-in

9:00 -10:00 AM - Fleece Judging – Tracy Ross, judge
(fleeces will be available for sale upon completion)

10:30 - 12 noon - White Angora Goat Show

12:00 - 1:00 PM - Lunch – on your own

1:00 - 3:00 PM - White Angora Goat Show, continued

3:00 - 4:00 PM - Vet talk

Sunday, September 29

8:00 - 10:00 AM - Goat check-in

9:00 - 10:00 AM - Judge's Talk – Q&A format

10:00 - 12 noon - Colored Angora Goat Show

12:00 - 1:00 PM - Lunch – on your own

1:00 - 3:00 PM Colored Angora Goat Show,
continued

For more information about the show, fairgrounds, etc, visit: <http://shenandoahvalleyfiberfestival.com/>

Berryville Show Preview: About the Judge, Tracy Ross

I started buying my first Angora goats while working for the Harley-Davidson Motor Company as an Accounting Analyst. That was close to 20 years ago. My husband and I started buying Registered White Angoras from Texas 13 years ago. When we retired he said, "If we are going to raise goats let's go where they RAISE goats." So we moved from Northern Nevada to the Texas Hill Country. We currently have 160 white and colored Angora Goats and sell over 2,000 pounds of mohair each year. I have taken Dr. Fred Speck's Angora Goat Judging class. Twice a year I have the pleasure and honor of helping Dr. Speck "grade" his kids and yearlings. It is an average of 400 goats each time! ---Tracy

The Angora Goat Show at The New York State Sheep and Wool Festival Rhinebeck, NY

Be sure to make your reservations and plans for your trip to Rhinebeck, NY, for the New York State Sheep and Wool Festival on October 19-20, 2013. Go to the web site at: <http://www.sheepandwool.com/livestock-shows-and-sheep-sales/angora-goat-show.asp> for more information, rules, and registration forms. Even with fall rut underway, you are encouraged to bring your bucks for competition. The bucks have their own separate housing

away from the doe and kid pens, with stronger pen walls, so that there is less chance of chaos among the animals.

The Angora goat show, which begins at 10:30 AM on Saturday morning, showcases goats from around the Northeast and Central Atlantic States. Each year goats from Maine to Virginia and as far west as Missouri, are registered for and attend the show. A judge, usually from Texas, judges the show. Goats are evaluated for body structure and fiber characteristics, with the overall score being 50% based on body and 50% based on fiber. Premiums and ribbons are awarded. The festival offers a unique opportunity to see many different goats and goat breeders in one central location, and to take advantage of the knowledge these breeders have acquired from years of animal husbandry.

If you have any questions regarding the show, show expectations, or **especially if you are interested in helping out with the show**, please contact Dan and Sara with your volunteer spirit in hand, as well as specific ideas of when you will be arriving and leaving the festival. slhdem@valstar.net

NYS&W Show Preview: About the Judge, Ted Smith

Ted Smith, Smith Family Angoras, from Mason TX, will be the judge at the New York Angora Goat Show this year. As stated on his web site:

Our family has been raising commercial Angora Goats in the Hill Country of Texas for over 75 years. In 1987, with the purchase of our first registered goats from the Stieler family, we embarked in a new direction. Our focus became producing and showing Angoras at the many junior livestock shows across the state. It has been an enjoyable and rewarding endeavor.

Our mission is to continue the tradition of big, fine haired, efficient Angoras that make money for the producer. We pay close attention to fleece character, quality, coverage, and staple length. We grow it on a goat that is structurally correct, thrifty, and has proper breed character. That goat must then have the hardiness to be a productive part of the herd.

For any success we may have enjoyed, we take only partial credit. Generations of people helped pave the way for us. To each of you who willingly shared your expertise, your opinion, your foresight, your guidance and your goats, we say thanks. You are the real treasure this industry has to offer and we are proud to be a part of it.

NYS&W FLEECE SALE Information & Guidance

Historically, the New York State Sheep and Wool show has had exceptionally strong fleece sales, especially for colored mohair fleeces, with strong prices as well. The entry process for fleeces is online only, is processed through the NYS&W show officials, and is completely separate from the Angora goat show itself.

The cut-off date for fleece entries is October 14, and there is a chance of the cutoff limit being reached for number of fleeces entered. Note that all fleeces entered into the fleece competition are assumed to be for sale, so please plan accordingly. All fleeces are due at the Fleece Exhibition Building by 4PM on Friday, October 18th. <http://www.sheepandwool.com/fleece-sale/index.asp>

Angora Goat Show at Southeastern Animal Fiber Fair, Fletcher, NC

SAFF is October 25-27, 2013. The Angora goat show animals need papers within 60 days. Producers must let the fleece show manager know of their intention to enter any mohair fleeces in the fleece show by September 30. If they don't get a minimum of 25 fleeces, that competition will be canceled. More show information, pen reservation and entry forms, and show/livestock rules can be found at <http://saffsite.org/angora-goats/> or you can contact Karen Etheredge at 828.645.7667 or ketheredge@echoviewfarm.com. Of note: Jonathon Hearn will be in the covered arena on Sunday to shear. The price is to be determined.

West Virginia Fiber Festival Reedsville, WV

The annual WV Fiber Festival will be held on September 7& 8, 2013 at the WVU Reedsville Farm Arena in Reedsville WV. This event is advertised as a venue for the promotion and education of the public about natural fiber. It is free to the public and will include all types of fiber animals and fiber products along with fiber related equipment and services for sale. This event will also have educational displays and free seminars for the public. New for this year are border collie herding demonstrations. Visit www.wvfiberfest.com or contact Judy Bannon at visionacres@visionacres.com for information.

Baatany Goat Project Restoring Appalachia Habitat

EAGMA member Todd Eastin is a member of the Baatany Goat Project, a scientific study looking at ways to restore native plants to the Appalachian Trail right-of-ways. The specific purpose of the volunteer-based Baatany Goat Project is to restore Grassy Bald corridors on Roan Mountain's western slopes in southern Tennessee. The primary reclamation issue is invasive species, such as Canadian blackberry (which, as we know, goats think is yummy!). This is a scientific study on the use of goats for restoration of native species, so it has everything from a thesis to study boundaries. Visit the web site link - located online at <http://baatany.org> - for all the information about what Angora goats are doing for the Appalachian Trail.

Diatomaceous Earth – Anthelmintic, or just good hype?

For many of us on the Eastern Seaboard, it's been a long, wet, wormy summer. The fight against parasites has been brutal, and we are always looking for more (natural) weapons for our arsenal. Along with medication and FAMACHA techniques, pasture rotation, and browse vs. graze options, there is a constant conversation about food additives. One of the food additives that is gaining popularity is diatomaceous earth.

Despite the name, diatomaceous earth (DE) is not decomposed plant matter. Instead, DE is the fossilized remains of algae. While DE looks and feels like powdered sand to humans, it is actually very sharp-edged at the microscopic level. DE is used in gardens as a natural slug and snail killer, and works by slicing up the soft gastropods as they crawl over the "earth" dust. So the theory goes that this sharp dust could possibly destroy intestinal worms with the same technique.

Unfortunately, the scientific studies available are inconclusive. There has been some indication of better lamb weight gain when DE is used as a food additive, but no scientifically significant decremented parasite load in either lambs or goats. Another theory is that the DE is not performing inside the animals' guts, but can possibly assist in killing worms on site in the pastures, however, there is insufficient research on this topic for proof.

For a more thorough discussion of DE and recent scientific literature, visit the Maryland Small Ruminant Extension Site and read Susan Schoenian's article: <http://www.sheepandgoat.com/articles/DE.html>

National News

National: Preserving art can be a challenge regardless of the age of the artwork and even with modern technology available. Read about art conservation challenges, including a stuffed Angora wearing a tractor tire, at <http://www.theartnewspaper.com/articles/Conserving+contemporary+art+immortality+starts+here/29498>

California: Goats-R-Us is back in business with a contract with San Francisco for 400 Angora and Spanish goats. These goats will be used for fire prevention along the Redwood City water right-of-way. <http://www.shortnews.com/start.cfm?id=22811>

California: GraniteRock Company is using a mixed herd of goats to restore a quarry site into native California grassland. When the quarry was closed in the 1990s, the erosion control seed spray used contained non-native grasses. The goats are preferentially eating those foreign species, leaving room for the native plants to thrive again. http://www.dailynews.com/news/ci_23199282/company-uses-army-goats-restore-quarry

International News

United Kingdom: "Sock-success" is being made the old-fashioned way by Capricorn Mohair Socks from locally-sourced mohair. Their business is booming internationally. <http://www.northumberlandgazette.co.uk/news/local-news/sock-sess-for-rural-firm-as-exports-grow-1-5929873>

List of Eastern Shows & Fiber Festivals
Additional events, sales, and smaller festivals are being added as we learn about them. Send in your local fiber markets and festivals for inclusion.

August 16-18. Michigan Fiber Festival
<http://www.michiganfiberfestival.info>
August 17-18. Mid Ohio Fiber Fair
<http://midohiofiberfair.weebly.com>
Sept 6-8. Wisconsin Sheep & Wool Festival
<http://www.wisconsinssheepandwoolfestival.com>
Sep 8-9. West Virginia Fiber Festival
<http://www.wvfiberfest.com/>
Sep 7-8. Garden State Sheep & Fiber Festival (NJ)
<http://www.njsheep.org>
Sept 7-8. Endless Mountains Fiber Festival (PA)
<http://www.pafiberfestival.com>

Sept. 21-22. Finger Lakes Fiber Arts Festival (NY)
<http://www.gvhg.org/fest.html>
 Sept. 21-22. Midwest Festival of Fibers (OH)
<http://my.voyager.net/~nfisher/>
 Sep 28-29. Shenandoah Fiber Festival (VA)
<http://shenandoahvalleyfiberfestival.com/>
 Sept 29-30. Vermont Sheep & Wool Festival
<http://www.vtsheepandwoolfest.org/>
 Sept 29 – Oct 6. Fiber at Fryeburg Fair (ME)
<http://www.fryeburgfair.com>
 Oct 5-6. Fall Fiber Festival of Virginia
<http://www.fallfiberfestival.org>
 Oct 5-6. Southern Adirondack Fiber Festival (NY)
<http://www.adkfiber.com>
 Oct 19-20. Southern Indiana Fiber Arts Festival
<http://www.southernindianafiberarts.com>
 Oct 19-20. New York Sheep & Wool Festival
<http://www.sheepandwool.com>
 Oct 25-27. Southeastern Animal Fiber Fair (NC)
<http://www.saffsite.org>
 Nov 2-3. Fiber Festival of New England (MA)
http://www.thebige.com/ese/esevents/Fiber_Festival.asp
 Nov 17. Green Mountain Fiber Festival (VT)
<http://greenmountainfiberfestival.com/>



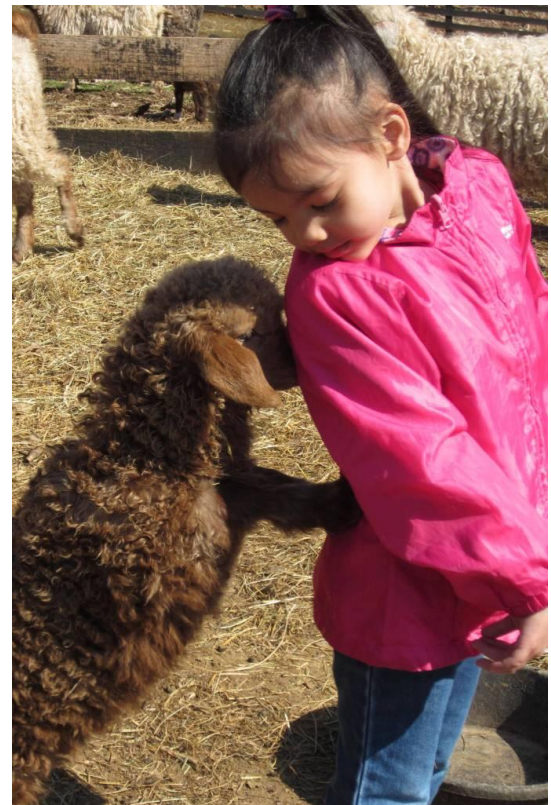
Classified

These ads are free to members. Send them via any method to the newsletter editor. You may advertise any incidental goat-, fiber-, or farm-related sales.

FOR SALE: Yearling colored wethers and colored kid does. Two of the yearlings are naturally polled. Contact Colleen Reed at giantcricketfarm@gmail.com for more information and photos. Will deliver to the Berryville and Rhinebeck Shows!

FOR SALE: Recessive Colored Angora Goats from Persimmon Tree Farm. These goats are show quality from champion bloodlines. Most breeding stock is from CSPN Sharon Chestnutt, Oregon. Doe kids, a few buck kids, yearlings, and adults for sale. Reverse badger, badger, and solid black. Contact Greta Dise 717-235-5140 or persimmon2@juno.com

FOR SALE: Colored Angora Goats, Border Leicester Sheep and Nubian Goats raised using sustainable farming practices. We produce Mohair & wool yarn, socks, roving and locks, Angora hides & sheepskins from our own fiber. Hand-Dyed yarn, spinning and weaving equipment, books and dyes for sale. Contact Steam Valley Fiber Farm at steamvalley@verizon.net or call 570-998-2221. Visit our website for Workshop Descriptions or more information at www.steamvalleyfiber.com



2013 EAGMA MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

If you see a mistake on this list, please contact Adrienne Hall Bodie with the correction. Names marked with a music note (♪) are paid for 2013, all others have their year of expiration. If you have any questions regarding your membership status, contact Adrienne Hall Bodie, treasurer.

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Sold a goat? Know a 4-H or FFA child?

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Come to New York Sheep & Wool Festival! It's full of fun people and great goats!



EASTERN ANGORA GOAT & MOHAIR ASSOCIATION

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Name _____ Business/Farm Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: Daytime _____ Evening _____ Fax: _____

E-Mail: _____ Website: _____

New application ____ Renewal ____ Gift ____ (\$10) // White goats ____ Colored goats ____

[This gift membership is from: _____]

Dues are \$25.00 per year (\$30 late renewal), due prior to July 1 of every year

Free Line-Item Newsletter Advertisements for the Membership - All 4 EAGMA Newsletter Issues

Make check payable to EAGMA

Send form and check to

Adrienne Hall Bodie, Treasurer, EAGMA

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