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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.*

## **President's Letter:**

It's show time; we are about one month away from the EAGMA spring show at the Great Lakes Fiber Show in Wooster. All of the show information is posted on the EAGMA web site: schedule, forms, times, etc. We are looking forward to an exciting show with Sharon Chestnutt as our judge. Sharon will be leaving immediately after the show on Sunday, so do not miss your opportunity to talk to her earlier in the weekend. The educational program this year will be presented by Rory Lewandowski, Extension Educator, Ohio State University. He will talk about Parasite Control in Angora Goats, a constant challenge especially for those who have limited space for their goats. Emily Chamelin will be at the show to shear any goats you wish and to demonstrate goat shearing to the festival visitors. Registration is extended to 15 May, so get your entries in early and avoid the late fee.

EAGMA will again sponsor an Angora goat show and fleece competition at the Shenandoah Valley Fiber Festival in Berryville, VA on 29 and 30 September. The judge for this show is Allen Messik. This is the second year for the show and participation by our members will greatly influence whether EAGMA continues its presence at the festival in the future. Make your plans early to attend and bring fleece and goats for the show. We will have a special rate for EAGMA members to stay at the Holiday Inn Express, as we did last year. The rooms are great and rates are very low – a big help to keep show costs down.

Both of these shows are a great opportunity to network with other producers, ask questions and learn new approaches to hurdles we all face. It is a fantastic opportunity for new producers to gather great information and even for older producers to pick up a few new tricks. Both festivals offer good foot traffic and the opportunity to make contacts with potential customers so bring fleece and goats to sell. Support the shows and win in many different ways.

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*-- John Frett*

## EAGMA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes April 22, 2012

Attendees: John, Colleen, Connie

### 2012 Show at Great lakes Fiber Festival, 26 & 27 May

- Speaker is Rory Lewandowski, Extension Educator for Ohio State University. The topic is parasite control. Will pay him a \$50 honorarium.
- There will be a shearer at the show. Emily Chamelin is joining us.
- John Frett will order ribbons for the awards.
- Late Entry Date is May 14.
- As of last board meeting, Leslie is taking care of fleece show, Adrienne is taking care of goat show MC, Colleen is taking care of registration/program.
- The mohair fleece show will be early and at the goat barn, then all of the fleeces will be moved. The mohair fleece sale will be co-located with the sheep fleece sale to promote better traffic.
- The web site: The show forms are available, except for the white entry form is listed as color and pulls a 404 error on the Goat Entry page.

**2012 EAGMA Show** at SVFF – judge will be Alan Messick from Eureka Mohair Farm, CA.

- No shearing date for the fall show (as of the Nov. 2011 vote).
- Colleen will take care of registration and the program (no vending section).
- No educational program.
- John will contact Emily Chamelin to invite her to shear at this show, too.
- Holiday Inn Express is offering the same deal for rooms in Winchester, VA as last year. More details are forthcoming.
- Fleece Show is early Saturday so that fleeces can be released for sale. Fleece sale itself has not been resolved yet.

### New Business

CAGBA National Show: About every third year, we offer an invitation to CAGBA to join us for their national show. If we were to do this next year, it would also coincide with our biannual mohair pool. Is this too much chaos?

John Frett announced resignation from the Presidency and from the Board, effective 1 October. Colleen Reed announced resignation from the Secretariat and the Board, effective 1 December.

**Next meeting is the all-members meeting at the Wooster show.**

Adjournment

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No new members for this newsletter.  
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## EAGMA Spring Show at Great Lakes Fiber Festival Wooster, OH

The 2012 EAGMA spring show will be in conjunction with the Great Lakes Fiber Festival in Wooster, OH. The show will be over Memorial Day Weekend (May 26-27, 2012). Sharon Chestnutt is the show judge. Rory Lewandowski, Extension Educator for Ohio State University, will be speaking on parasite control on Saturday afternoon. Becky Salinger will present a Youth Showmanship class on Sunday morning.

The EAGMA web site has updated show registration applications, information, etc. If you do not have access to the Internet and would like to join the show, please contact Colleen at 540-364-4728 for details and to request a show application. You can also download the EAGMA advertising postcard from the website for distribution to your farm's friends and fans.

Because this is a full fiber festival, with many more participants than just EAGMA, you are encouraged to make your hotel reservations early! For information regarding camping, show facilities, directions, and/or where to stay and eat while in Wooster, please visit [www.greatlakesfibershow.com](http://www.greatlakesfibershow.com)

We need volunteers! Leslie needs help running the fleece show (especially check-in) and Adrienne needs help running the actual goat show. Please let us know if you are interested in helping out with either part of the event. Also, we are responsible for cleaning out our goat pens at the end of the show, so please remember your rakes, brooms, and shovels.

## 2012 EAGMA Spring Show Schedule

Friday 25 May	
1:00 – 6:00 PM	Animal / fleece check-in

Saturday 26 May	
8:00 – 10:00	Animal Check-in
8:00 – 9:00	Goat Inspections - ACAGR
9:00 -10:00	Fleece Judging – Sharon Chestnutt
	(fleeces will be moved to sale barn for sale upon completion)
<b>10:00 - 12</b>	<b>White Angora Goat Show</b>
12:00– 1:00	Lunch – on your own
<b>1:00 – 3:00</b>	<b>White Angora Goat Show, ctd.</b>
4:00 – 5:00	Education program: Parasite Control with Rory Lewandowski

Sunday 27 May	
8:00 – 10:00	Goat check in
9:00 – 10:00	Becky Sallinger - Youth Showmanship - Class
<b>10:00 – 12</b>	<b>Colored Angora Goat Show –</b>
12:00 – 1:30	Lunch – on your own
1:00 – 1:30	EAGMA General Membership Meeting
<b>1:30 – 3:00</b>	<b>Colored Angora Goat Show ctd</b>
3:30	Raffle – must be present to win
4:00	Show ends

The publication Farm & Dairy has already put out a full article on the upcoming Wooster show. The Great Lakes Angora Goat Show was specifically mentioned as one of the featured events at the show. The entire article can be found here: <http://www.farmanddairy.com/news/a-weekend-of-sheep-and-fiber-arts-on-tap-at-wayne-co-fairgrounds/36314.html>

### EAGMA Fall Show at Shenandoah Valley Fiber Festival Berryville, VA

The 2012 EAGMA fall show will be in conjunction with the Shenandoah Valley Fiber Festival at the Clarke County Fairgrounds in Berryville, VA. The show will be the last weekend in September, the 29<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>. In order to encourage maximum participation in this show, there is no shearing date cut-off for this show. Goats should be shown in age appropriate (kids in first or second clip, yearlings in third or fourth clip, adults in fifth or later

clip, and no goat should be shown with more than a 6-month fleece (less than 6" of growth). This is to encourage a uniform standard for animal health in display to our show audience.

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**Spring Show**  
GREAT LAKES FIBER FESTIVAL  
Memorial Day Weekend  
May 26-27, 2012  
Judge: Sharon Chestnutt  
[www.greatlakesfibershow.com](http://www.greatlakesfibershow.com)

**Fall Show**  
SHENANDOAH VALLEY  
FIBER FESTIVAL  
September 29-30, 2012  
Judge: Allen Mesick  
[www.shenandoahvalleyfiberfestival.com](http://www.shenandoahvalleyfiberfestival.com)



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FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT [WWW.ANGORAGOATS.COM](http://WWW.ANGORAGOATS.COM)

### 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 20-21, 2012. This is the last major New England fiber festival for the year, and both the goats and the fall colors are not to be missed! This show has plenty of space to house the competition. It has a well-established area for the does, wethers, and kids, and a separate tent for the bucks (with special solid-sided

pens). More information about the show can be found at [www.sheepandwool.com](http://www.sheepandwool.com).

Historically, the New York State Sheep and Wool show has had exceptionally strong fleece sales for mohair, especially colored fleeces. The entry process for fleeces is online only, and is completely separate from the Angora goat show itself. The cut-off date for fleece entries is early October, and there is a chance of the cutoff limit being reached for number of fleeces entered. See <http://www.sheepandwool.com/fleece-sale/index.asp> for more information on the entry process and deadline. Note that all fleeces entered into the fleece competition are assumed to be for sale, so make plans accordingly.

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

SAFF is October 26-28, 2012, and to all accounts, they are hosting an Angora Goat Show this year. It appears that there are separate rules at this show for livestock sales, however, the actual applications and rules for the Angora show are not posted as of yet. Some show information can be found at <http://www.saffsite.org/>.



### **West Virginia Fiber Festival Reedsville, WV**

The annual WV Fiber Festival will be held on September 8 & 9, 2012 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. As of the end of April, there also were a few vendor spaces left. The newly redesigned web site, with more information, is here: [www.wvfiberfest.com](http://www.wvfiberfest.com).

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### **Photo Round-Up**

The EAGMA web site is undergoing yet further expansion and revision. One of the changes is the posting of photo albums. Pat Harder is looking for photos of our members' goats, farms, activities, etc. and of course any photos you might have of prior shows.

First, we are trying to collect one "farm icon" photo from each person for the membership page. Web pages are far more fun with color, and it's an easy way for your farm to stand out when people go looking for you. In addition, if you have photos of the animals or products that you sell, please send them - along with captions - to Pat for the Marketplace page. And as you go along, any fun and funny photos of life with goats should be sent to Pat for inclusion in the general gallery. Let's show the world why Angora goats are the most fun!

Any questions, and the photos plus captions, can be directed to Pat Harder at [kidhollow@cstone.net](mailto:kidhollow@cstone.net).

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### **“Like” Us on Facebook!**

Those of you who are on Facebook and have not "liked" EAGMA yet, please do. Greta Dise did some work a few weeks ago and sent a message through FB to her friends asking you to "like" the EAGMA page. We now have enough "likes" to have our own Facebook address as an organization. You can visit EAGMA on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/angoragoats](http://www.facebook.com/angoragoats).

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### **National News**

**Maine:** Janice Spaulding contributes to Mother Earth News on a semi-regular basis. Her recent article included the perils of not adding in a leap year day to kidding calculations, and other frustrations of kidding anticipation. <http://www.motherearthnews.com/caprines-community/goats-still-waiting-for-2012-kids.aspx>

**Minnesota:** The story of Curly the goat continues. The three-year-old Angora goat was supposed to be part of a live Nativity scene but escaped while she was being unloaded for a Christmas Eve service. Her hijinks are now being published in a book titled Curly Gets Cold Feet, by owner Karen Aakre.

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## International News

**Australia:** Wedge-tailed eagles picked up 25 Angora goats off of a property in Perth, Australia.  
<http://www.abc.net.au/rural/wa/content/2012/01/s3405467.htm?site=perth>

**Canada:** On April 4<sup>th</sup>, the resident Angora goat birthed a kid at the Canada Agricultural Museum in Ottawa. The Angora goat is a part of a permanent goat display that includes Toggenburg and Nubians as well.

**New Zealand:** Angora goats are becoming more popular due to the lower amount of work and the higher value for goats as both meat and fiber animals. The Southland Times interviewed two sheep farmers who are calling it quits on sheep and moving to goats. The article is here: <http://www.stuff.co.nz/southland-times/farming/6757343/Men-who-stare-at-goats>



Central Southland goat farmer David Taylor with his favorite goat, Rascal.

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## Spinning Daily's Free E-Book

The online site *Spinning Daily* is offering a free electronic download called "Introduction to Spinning Wheels: How to Choose and How to Use a Spinning Wheel." The true price of this electronic book is an e-mail address, to which they will presumably send marketing materials. To read the summary and download the file, visit the link:

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## 2012 Shows & Fiber Festivals

- March 16-17. Smokey Mountain Fiber Festival (TN)  
<http://www.smfaf.org/>
- April 19. The Rhode Island Wool and Fiber Festival  
<http://www.coggeshallfarm.org/calendar.html>
- April 20-21. The Fiber Event at Greencastle (IN)  
<http://www.thefiberevent.com/>
- April 28. Connecticut Sheep & Wool Festival  
<http://www.ctsheep.org>
- April 28. Sheep Shearing Demonstration Day (MA)  
<http://www.goreplace.org/sheepshearing.htm>
- May 5-6. Maryland Sheep and Wool  
<http://www.sheepandwool.org>
- May 12-13. New Hampshire Sheep & Wool  
<http://www.nhswga.com>
- Note: the Sedalia Spring Fiber Festival (VA) is not currently listed on the <http://sedaliacenter.org/2012calendar>, and the web site for the event - <http://www.sedaliafiber.com> - has been disabled.*
- May 19-20. Waynesburg Sheep and Fiber Festival (PA)  
<http://www.sheepandfiber.com/>
- May 18-20. Kentucky Sheep and Fiber Festival  
<http://www.kentuckysheepandfiber.com/>
- May 18-20. Carolina Fiber Festival (NC)  
<http://www.carolinafiberfest.org/>
- May 19-20. Upper Valley Fiber Festival (OH)  
<http://www.uppervalleyfiberfest.org/>
- May 20?? Long Island Fleece and Fiber Fair (NY)  
[http://www.hallockville.com/fiber\\_fair.html](http://www.hallockville.com/fiber_fair.html)  
*Note: Web site has not been updated.*
- May 25-26. Middle Tennessee Fiber Festival  
<http://www.tnfiberfestival.com/>
- May 26-27. Massachusetts Sheep and Woolcraft Fair  
<http://www.masheepwool.org>
- May 26-27 Great Lakes Fiber Show (OH)**  
<http://www.greatlakesfibershow.com/>  
**Note: This is the EAGMA Annual Spring Show!**
- June 1-2. Hoosier Hills Fiberarts Fair (IN)  
<http://hoosierhillsfiberartsfestival.com/>
- June 2-3. Maine Fiber Frolic  
<http://www.fiberfrolic.com>
- June 9-10. Iowa Sheep & Wool Festival  
<http://www.iowasheep.com>
- July 22-24. Midwest Fiber & Folk Art Fair (IL)  
<http://www.fiberandfolk.com>
- July 27-28. TAGRA annual show & sale (TX)  
contact Dale Naumann at 830-796-7429
- Sep 8-9. West Virginia Fiber Festival  
<http://www.wvfiberfest.com/>
- Sep 8-9. Garden State Sheep & Fiber Festival (NJ)  
<http://www.njsheep.org>
- Sep 8-9 Endless Mountains Fiber Festival (PA)

<http://www.pafiberfestival.com>  
 Sept. 15-16. Finger Lakes Fiber Arts Festival (NY)  
<http://www.gvhg.org/fest.html>  
 Sept. 17-18. Midwest Festival of Fibers (OH)  
<http://my.voyager.net/~nfisher/>  
*Note: Web site has not been updated.*  
 Sep 29-30. Shenandoah Fiber Festival (VA)  
<http://shenandoahvalleyfiberfestival.com/>  
**There will be an Angora Goat Show**  
 Sept 29-30. Vermont Sheep & Wool Festival  
<http://www.vtsheepandwoolfest.org/>  
 Sept 30 – Oct 7. Fiber at Fryeburg Fair (ME)  
<http://www.fryeburgfair.com>  
 Oct 6-7. Fall Fiber Festival of Virginia  
<http://www.fallfiberfestival.org>  
 Oct 19-20. Southern Indiana Fiber Arts Festival  
<http://www.southernindianafiberarts.com>  
 Oct 20-21. New York Sheep & Wool Festival  
<http://www.sheepandwool.com>  
**There will be an Angora Goat Show**  
 Oct 26-28. Southeastern Animal Fiber Fair (NC)  
<http://www.saffsite.org>  
**There will be an Angora Goat Show**  
 Nov 3-4. Fiber Festival of New England (MA)  
[http://www.thebige.com/ese/esevents/Fiber\\_Festival.asp](http://www.thebige.com/ese/esevents/Fiber_Festival.asp)  
 Nov 17. Green Mountain Fiber Festival (VT)  
<http://greenmountainfiberfestival.com/>



**Bob Ramirez at Moonshine Design**

## 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:** 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](mailto:persimmon2@juno.com) 3/11

**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](mailto:steamvalley@verizon.net) or call 570-998-2221. Visit our website for Workshop Descriptions or more information at [www.steamvalleyfiber.com](http://www.steamvalleyfiber.com) 2/12

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If you see a mistake on this list, please contact Adrienne Hall Bodie with the correction. Names preceded by heart (♥) are listed as having paid 2011 dues; names with a sun (☼) are paid for 2012. If you are paid up but not shown to be, contact Adrienne Hall Bodie, treasurer.

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