

# 2020 Powhatan's Festival of Fiber Fleece Sale

Welcome to our first ever fleece sale!

The sale will provide a place for producers of sheep, goat and camelid fibers, to showcase their fleeces to an audience of fiber enthusiasts.

## Fleece Sale Rules and Instructions

- Entry fee of \$5 per fleece, sold or unsold. No refunds.
- There is no limit to number of fleeces entered by any producer.
- Entry forms **MUST** be received by **April 22, 2020.**

**You may either email forms to [krzykar@yahoo.com](mailto:krzykar@yahoo.com) or snail mail them to: Kimberly Radcliffe, 1901 Richmond Rd. Troy, VA 22974**

***Please use a large envelope and do not fold forms.***

**No fleece will be accepted at the Festival without prior registration.**

- Fillable entry and fleece forms are available to download from the Festival's website.
- Please note: if mailing entries, please print only one form per sheet of paper (not double sided). There are two pages, for up to 40 entries. If you have more than that, please just print another form.
- **Each fleece MUST be accompanied by an information form inside the bag.** The form should be inside a clear, zippered plastic bag. *\*Please note, there are two forms for each fleece on the downloaded page. The top one stays with the fleece and the bottom one is kept on file at the fleece sale. Please don't forget to bring **BOTH** forms.*
- Fleece price is set by the producer.
- Payment may be mailed in with entry forms or made at time of drop off. Only checks accepted if accompanying entry forms. Checks, credit cards and cash accepted at time of drop off.  
Checks should be made out to: **Powhatan's Festival of Fiber**
- **Drop off times:**
  - Friday, April 24th from 2–6 pm
  - Saturday, April 25th from 8–9:30 am.
- Fleece sale hours are 10 am–5 pm on Saturday.
- Fleece sale location is behind the animal exhibits, which are located behind the stage.
- If you have a few fleeces, we're happy to drive you over on our golf carts (to help ease traffic congestion) but if you have many fleeces, please enter as the vendors do at the check-in point and you will be directed where to go. NO vehicles will be allowed on the festival grounds after 9:30 am Saturday.
- Unsold fleeces may be picked up between 5–6 pm on Saturday. Any fleeces not picked up by 6 pm on Saturday will become the property of the Festival.
- Checks for sold fleeces will be mailed within two weeks after the Festival.

### **Each Fleece should be:**

- From the most recent clip.
- Raw, not washed. Please do not use any kind of rinsing agent that leaves an odor as some people may have sensitivities to such products.
  - Skirted to remove contaminants, i.e. manure tags, second cuts, chaff, bugs, vegetable matter (VM) as well as any cotted/felted sections.
- Dry and mold free.
- Sold by the whole fleece only, no half or partial fleeces please.
- In a clean, clear plastic bag with no knots.
- Weighed to the nearest ounce. Example, 5 lbs. 4 oz. Please do not use decimals, example 5.2 lbs.

**The Festival reserves the right to refuse any fleece that does not meet these criteria.**

### **Additional Notes**

Fleeces with excessive VM, manure tags, breaks in the fiber, or felted sections are generally not desirable by handspinners and other fiber lovers. A minimum staple length of 3" is generally preferred for sheep, mohair and camelid fibers. The fleeces you bring should be of the best quality to ensure the greatest chance of sale. Presentation is everything and a fleece that is clean and has good staple length for the breed is likely to get more attention than those that are dirty and/or too short. If you can provide details and a picture of the animal (the more information the better) to go along with the fleece, that will get more attention too. You may want to include a business card with your information as well. You are also welcome to display an information board about your particular breed of animal.

Shepherd's are encouraged to volunteer at the fleece sale. Just mention that you're interested when you bring your fleeces and we'll sign you up!

*If you have any questions about the fleece sale, please email Kimberly at [krzykar@yahoo.com](mailto:krzykar@yahoo.com)*

**We want you to have great success selling your fleeces at our festival!**

**Every effort will be made to safeguard the fleeces entered in the sale, but the Festival does not assume responsibility for damaged, stolen or lost fleeces.**