

Bluefaced Leicester Union (BLU)

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June-July 2009

BLU Members!

The summer sheep shows are well underway. The Black Sheep Gathering, Eugene OR, was a good venue for all things Bluefaced Leicester. Upcoming are the Michigan Fiber Festival, Allegan, MI mid-August, the Wisconsin Wool Show in September, and the huge NY State Sheep & Wool Show, Rhinebeck NY. There are other wool shows and I would appreciate those of you participating in them sending me information to publish either in this e-letter or the "Banner" column.

Enjoy the photos of the Black Sheep Gathering, courtesy of Molly Groth, Kathy Davidson's daughter.

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- **2009 – New BLU Member**

BLU welcomes its newest member, adding to our number of Canada breeders.

A. Margaret Fryatt
Ranfurly Farm
797 Bailey Rd, RR #2, S-20, C-24
Chase, B.C. V0E 1M0
Telephone: 250-507-2730

- **BLU – The 2008 Flock Book**

The 2008 BLU Flock Book, and the largest BLU has published, was mailed to 2008 BLU members the day before I left for Maryland. Those of you are new 2009 members and who want a copy of the 2008 book, please send \$10 to me: 760 W. V.W. Ave, Schoolcraft, MI 49087. This price includes shipping.

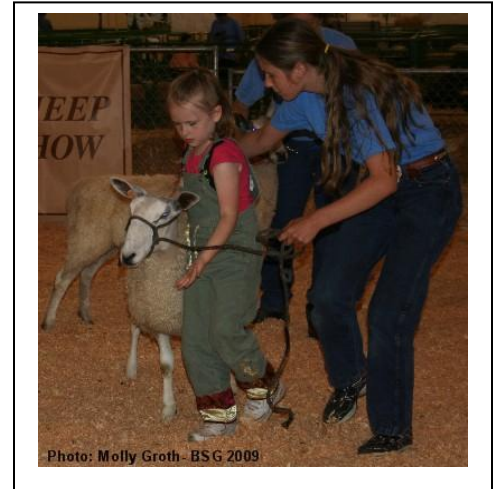
If there are any comments, corrections, or suggestions, please contact me. The flock books are the largest expenditure for BLU, and it should be the best it can be.

- BLACK SHEEP GATHERING – EUGENE, OR 2009**

There was a separate Bluefaced Leicester show with Robina Koenig, Brooke Jakubos, and Wendy Hanson all of Oregon, plus Sue Gustafson & Natalie Redding of California. Robina wrote, "Thanks to all the willing hands who helped show our beautiful Blues!"



Left:
 Brooke Jakubos, OR
 Robina Koenig, OR
 Sue Gustafson, CA



Right:
 Katie & Brooke
 Jakubos, OR

On Saturday after the fairgrounds have emptied of all the visitors, the exhibitors, workers, presenters gather on the grassy area in front of the barn to partake in the fabulous lamb that had been roasting most of the day there. The long tables are filled with various side dishes – making a big, old fashioned pot luck. This year Martin Dally donated a large amount of lamb chops that Kathy Davidson said were "out of this world".



Left:
 Robina Koenig, OR



Right:
 Sue Gustafson, CA



Kathy Davidson, PA

After dinner all gathered in the main show arena where Trish Andersen emcees the Shepherd's Lead. This is a genuine high light as Trish is a tremendously funny, raconteur as she describes each entry. This year the Bluefaced Leicester exhibitors – Kathy Davidson, Robina Koenig, Sue Gustafson, Brooke Jakubos and Natalie Redding were spaced so that about every 5th entry was a Bluefaced Leicester. With each BFL being presented, Trish would lead the cheer, "Bluefaced Leicester" – 3 times!!

2010 the BSG will be the site of the 3rd BFL National Show. Think ahead now to fit this in your calendar. The Estes Park Wool Market is the weekend before, and it makes a wonderful trip to do both. There is so much terrific scenery, places to stop, great restaurants, wineries.



Wendy Hanson, OR

Many thanks to Molly Groth for providing BLU with her photos. She has volunteered to be the BFL photographer at BSG 2010!!

-BSG 2010 BFL National Show T-Shirts

The Third National

Bluefaced Leicester Show at the 2010 Black Sheep Gathering is on a roll.

The T-shirts and sweatshirts made their debut at the Gathering and are now ready to order. They are printed black on a medium blue. A big 'Thank You' to Kris Barndt for the original art. The final artwork is attached.

Following are the sizes and costs. Postage is \$5 for t-shirts, \$8 for sweatshirts. Email me at tumblecreekfarm@juno.com with your order so we can help spread the word about our fabulous breed. Robina @ Tumble Creek

Short sleeves, small-XL, \$12, 2XL +, \$14

Long sleeves, small-XL, \$16, 2 XL +, \$20

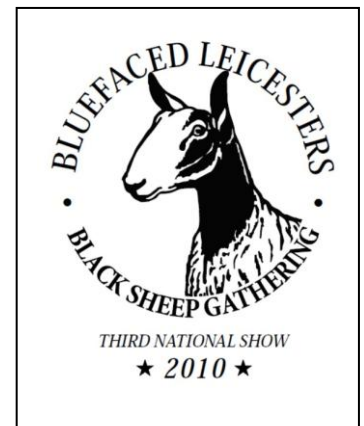
Hooded sweatshirt, M-XL, \$30, 2XL +, \$35

The T-shirts are Gildan brand, 100% cotton-preshrunk

Sweatshirts are Jerzees brand, 50-50 poly/cotton

You may send a check to the address at the bottom. Sorry, no PayPal.

**Robina Koenig Email: tumblecreekfarm@juno.com
65920 – 61st Street, Bend, OR 79901**



- **THE REGISTRY**

- Form Update *Repeat!*

- ALL forms are available on the bflsheep.com web site *Repeat!*

Following up on suggestions on improvements to the registration process, changes will be made to the "Work Order" (you *are* using one with everything you send to ASR, *aren't* you??).

However, if you want a copy of your registration application, please make one yourself before sending the work to ASR. Besides giving you a copy for your records, you will have this original source to verify that the data you sent in was entered properly AND to enter the BLU registration number on the copy.

Transfers: When you send a registration in for transfer to a new owner, after signing the back, please provide stamped envelope addressed to the new owner if you wish the transfer be mailed directly back to the buyer.

- **BLU MEMBERS PROMOTING BLUEFACED LEICESTERS**

Robina Koenig and Sue Gustafson promoted BLU and the Bluefaced Leicester at the Black Sheep Gathering, Eugene OR June 19, 20 & 21 at the Lane County Fairgrounds, Eugene OR. In addition, Jean deBoom had BLU member list handouts and information on the Bluefaced Leicester at the 5th annual Iowa Sheep & Wool Festival June 13-14, Dallas County Fairgrounds, Adel, Iowa.

If any other BLU members would like take promotional handouts to their event, please contact me for BLU membership lists and other BFL flyers. It's the people-to-people contact that has made the tremendous growth in the Bluefaced Leicester population.

- **AND, TOO.....**

Have a great 'rest of summer'! Take time to just get among your sheep and enjoy their presence. As Nancy Gilkeson has said, "we are blessed to have this lifestyle".

In Leicesters, blue is finer!

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