



# Short Tales

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## Chief Shepherd's Message

WHAT A WONDERFUL ATTENDANCE WE HAD AT THE ANNUAL MEETING THAT WAS HELD IN WOOSTER, OHIO. THE MEETING DID SEEM A BIT RUSHED TO ME BECAUSE OF OUR VERY STRICT TIMELINE. I DO APOLOGIZE TO THOSE THAT MAY HAVE BEEN CUT OFF IN THEIR THOUGHTS. WE MUST PLAN FOR A LONGER MEETING NEXT YEAR. WE DID NOT DECIDE THE LOCATION OF OUR 2016 ANNUAL MEETING. I, FOR ONE, WOULD VOTE FOR OHIO AGAIN, BUT THERE ARE SEVERAL LOCATIONS BEING CONSIDERED AND WE ARE ALWAYS OPEN FOR SUGGESTIONS.

THAT WAS A GRAND SHEEP SHOW AND SALE. YES, I PURCHASED TOO MUCH AND SPENT HOURS WATCHING THE SHOW. ON DAY TWO OF THE SHEEP AUCTION MANY PRIZE SHEEP WENT TO THEIR NEW HOMES AND QUITE A FEW DOLLARS EXCHANGED HANDS. THIS LED A FEW MEMBERS TO CONSIDER THE POSSIBILITY OF A FINNSHEEP "SHOW & SALE"? WE ALL SHOULD THINK ON THIS AND PASS AROUND IDEAS. WE WOULD NEED A "FINN" JUDGE SO AS TO NOT COMPARE OUR FINNS TO MEAT BREEDS. SEND IN YOUR THOUGHTS, WE WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU. THIS IS A MEMBER RUN GROUP, WE ALL NEED THE INPUT OF EACH OTHER TO CONTINUE TO GROW AND THRIVE.

THE TRANSITION OF THE REGISTRY FROM MILO TO KANSAS HAS GONE SMOOTHLY AND OUR REGISTRATION SERVICES HAVE NEVER BEEN MORE EFFICIENT. WHETHER USING ONLINE OR SNAIL MAIL, I RECEIVE MY REGISTRATION PAPERS IN ABOUT A WEEK. UNFORTUNATELY, I HAVE HAD MANY CALLS AND EMAILS FROM BUYERS COMPLAINING THAT IT TAKES A LONG TIME TO RECEIVE THEIR REGISTRATION PAPERS. FOLKS ARE PUTTING OUT THEIR HARD EARNED MONEY FOR A FBA REGISTERED SHEEP; LET'S TRY TO DO A BETTER JOB GETTING THESE PAPERS OUT.

UNTIL NEXT TIME,  
*Fran Smith*  
CHIEF SHEPHERD

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## NEW MEMBER WELCOME!!!

**Donna & Robert Putnam**

**Spinning Sheep Fiber Farm, MO**

**Lauria C. Frazier**

**Kernersville, NC**

**Bonnie Martinelli**

**C.R. Blessing Ranch, ID**

**Shannon Field**

**Mosby's Secret, VA**

# SUMMARY OF FINNSHEEP BREEDERS ASSOCIATION MEETING

May 23, 2015

Best Western, Wooster, Ohio

**Attending:** in person: Tim Beckwith, Grant Blackburn (FBA Treasurer), Terrie Godfrey (Director), Alan Huffman, Deb Kirsch (Director), Rhinehold Kruegar, Jason McCune, Fran Smith (FBA President), Naomi Smith (Director), Mary Tucker (FBA Secretary); Attending via teleconference: Leanne Hughes, Elizabeth Kinne Gossner, Mary O'Malley (Director) and Joanna Porter (Director)

**Treasurer's Report :** The FBA is operating in the black and the finds are increasing . See FBA Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss sheet on page 5. The treasurer's report was accepted as read.

Grant explained the Franklin Templeton Fund. This was started at the inception of the FBA with \$1000. It currently has \$1038.80. This is a low yield slow growth "safe" type of fund allocation. It was proposed that the fund be increase to \$5000 with half of the funds being put into a more aggressive fund, while the remainder would stay in the same slow growth but safe fund. This fund was designed as part of a buffer for emergency use, for example for liability insurance. Fran and Grant will discuss liability insurance further via email. A motion to increase the amount of money in the Franklin Templeton Fund with half going to a higher yield fund was made by Mary O'Malley and seconded by Naomi Smith and Elizabeth Kinne Gossner. The motion carried unanimously

**FBA Budget** It was noted that there has not been a budget in some time. Grant reviewed the profit and loss statement for May 16, 2014—May 15, 2015 which serves as an indicator of the budget. This tells us what we have and what are the main expenses of the organization. During calendar year 2014, annual dues were \$1480 and the Directory fees were \$1320. In the past (sheep) registrations were kept low so people would expand their registered flocks. The recent increase was to support the on-line registration, the web page and the data base. The costs have been covered. It was noted that contract labor (for the web page and registry maintenance) is good for 5 years. One large expense is Short Tales. Though many receive their newsletter via email, printing and mailing hard copies can get expensive. Colored pages cost significantly more than black and white pages. It was proposed that at least one issue be done completely in black and white and this issue be mailed to all members.

**Advertising Budget :** The discretionary aspect of the budget is in advertising. FBA ads can be seen in **The Shepherd, SHEEP! Magazine** and the **ASI** newsletter. Possibilities of advertising on the web and on RFD television were suggested. Terrie Godfrey motioned for an increase in the advertising budget to \$2500. Mary Tucker seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

**Advertising Director.** Elizabeth Kinne Gossner has been the advertising director for many years and has also provided photos and design layout for the FBA. She is retiring this year from her position as director and is also ready to step down as advertising director. Her insight and talents will be sorely missed. Mary O'Malley will take on the advertising director position and Elizabeth will help her get started.

**Book Proposal:** Maggie Howard's book, **The Coat of Many Colors**, (current price: \$97.50) had been proposed for purchase by the FBA previously. It was thought that the book might be useful for members of the board to become conversant on sheep genetics and how they relate to color and marking patterns. Joanna Porter is familiar with the book and noted that the books was not specific to Finnsheep and that over the years, Finnsheep have been shown to have colors and patterns that do not match what is in the book. The formation of a committee to review and update Finnsheep specific color and marking patterns was recently discussed on Facebook. Joanna Porter volunteered to head this committee. Elizabeth Kinne Gossner and Terrie Godfrey motioned to 1. NOT purchase **The Coat of Many Colors** and 2. form a Finnsheep Color and Marking Committee with Joanna Porter as the lead. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

## **FBA Meeting notes, continued:**

**Open Forum :** During the 2014 annual meeting an open forum where members could generate and discuss ideas for the FBA was considered. Terrie Godfrey motioned to abandon the open forum proposal at this time. The motion was seconded by Deb Kirsch and carried unanimously.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **2016 Annual General Meeting Location:**

Three places have been placed before the member body for consideration:

\*Kentucky Fiber Festival (3rd weekend in May)

\*Wisconsin Fiber Festival (2nd weekend in September)

\* Great Lakes Festival Show and Sale (Memorial Day weekend in May)

Other suggestions would be welcome. The discussion was tabled due to time considerations.

**Finnsheep Sale:** Alan Huffman proposed that the FBA consider having a Finnsheep sale to be held annually. It was suggested that someone check with The Banner to see if they could have a sale on a Saturday as the Sunday Sale at Wooster is so full. In addition, many Amish would like to buy but will not do business on Sunday. A Finnsheep sale might increase visibility, availability and desirability of the breed. Grant Blackburn mentioned that the FBA used to have a sale with a "Sifting Committee" but that had been discontinued. No resolution was reached on this topic and further discussion is desirable.

**OPP Proposal:** Mary Tucker updated the membership on the request by the OPP Breeders Society and GeneSeek, Inc. data on Finnsheep data. Currently the OPP Breeders Society and GeneSeek have data from Finland (on Finnsheep) and from USMARC (U.S. Meat and Animal Research Center). Only one FBA member has tested with GeneSeek and provided the data to OPPCBS. However, Finnsheep have tested positive for OPP. Ways to encourage the membership to test for OPP were discussed. GeneSeek does give a quantity discount depending on the number of test samples submitted. Terrie Godfrey motioned to table the discussion and Mary T. seconded it. Motion passed.

#### **FBA Director elections:**

Joanna Porter of Cabriole Farm in Plymouth, Maine was elected to her first three year term as FBA director. Mary O'Malley of Honeysuckle Farm in Silver Spring, MD was elected to her second term as FBA director.

**AI Semen Importation:** Several members of the FBA have been discussing and researching AI Semen Importation from New Zealand. It was proposed that the FBA approve/allow the FBA Registry office to assign the AI sequence numbers in the 30,000 range to the sires chosen for AI collection by the breeders participating in the importation. The FBA would grant the numbers based upon the previous FBA requirements:

- 1) Finnsheep sires involved in collection are 100% purebred Finnsheep
- 2) Finnsheep sires are registered with the Finnsheep Registry in Country of Origin (New Zealand)
- 3) The proper paperwork including Import Permits, Export Permits, Veterinarian Health Certificate and all required testing results accompany the importation of the AI Semen for each Sire. A copy of the paperwork is submitted with the application for registration with the FBA in order to receive a FBA registry number.

Current requirements for FBA application of registry would apply to offspring of the AI sire. It was suggested that the F1 offspring show the letter designation of "AI" in their individual ID as was done with previous importations from Finland.

This discussion was tabled due to time and the need for further clarification. The FBA board did approve the assignment of numbers for AI Semen Importation in June. Please see Mary Tucker's article in the next newsletter for more information on AI Semen importation

**FINNSHEEP BREEDERS ASSOCIATION BALANCE SHEET**  
AS OF MAY 15, 2015

**ASSETS:**

CURRENT ASSETS:

CHECKING: -BB&T: \$21,614.53  
PETTY CASH: \$40.14  
TOTAL: CHECKING/SAVINGS: 21,654.67

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE:

TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS: 21,618.13  
Other assets : 515.95  
Franklin Templeton Fund 1,038.80  
Total other assets : 1,554.75

TOTAL ASSETS 23,235.88

**LIABILITIES AND EQUITIES**

Equity  
Opening balance equity: 3,543.42  
Retained earnings 19,562.35  
Net income: 130.07  
TOTAL EQUITY: 23,235.88

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY 23,235.88

**THANK YOU GRANT!!!**

The FBA Board and Membership recognized the outstanding work of Grant Blackburn at the recent FBA Meeting. Grant has been the treasurer of the FBA for 14 years. His past and continuing involvement with the FBA and his steady and sound financial advice have kept the organization functioning and thriving.

**WRITE FOR THE SHEPHERD MAGAZINE!**

Yes, you should. The October issue of **THE SHEPHERD** features Finnsheep. They are seeking articles and pictures for that issue.

Why not write about yours? Send photos, articles, commentaries, etc. to: Cat at [theshepherdmagazine@me.com](mailto:theshepherdmagazine@me.com)

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Matter of Fact: You should write for **SHORT TALES!!** Your contributions are always welcome! Send them to [maryfinnsheepbreeder@yahoo.com](mailto:maryfinnsheepbreeder@yahoo.com) or

Mary O'Malley

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**NAOMI LEITH SMITH COMMEMORATED THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF HER ALMA MATER, CORNELL UNIVERSITY WITH THE GIFT, TO THE SCHOOL, OF A PUREBRED REGISTERED FINNSHEEP RAM. THE FINN RAM LAMB, A QUADRUPLET, WAS FROM NAOMI'S QUALITY HOUSE MOUNTAIN FINNSHEEP FLOCK. GRADUATING IN 1953 WITH A DEGREE IN ANIMAL SCIENCE, NAOMI HAS HAD AMPLE OPPORTUNITY TO PUT HER DEGREE TO EXCELLENT USE, FIRST MANAGING ANGUS STEERS AND SINCE 1985, WITH HER OWN FINNSHEEP FLOCK.**

**SHEEP AND WOOL FESTIVAL NEWS**

**SARAH PARSHALL, A HOMESCHOOLED HIGH SCHOOL FRESHMAN FROM NEW YORK WAS AWARDED "LIESEL", A PUREBRED REGISTERED FINNSHEEP THROUGH THE YOUTH CONSERVATIONIST PROGRAM AT THE MARYLAND SHEEP AND WOOL FESTIVAL IN MAY. SARAH, AN ASPIRING VETERINARIAN, IDENTIFIED FINNSHEEP AS THE HERITAGE BREED SHE SOUGHT TO RAISE IN HER ESSAY COMPETING FOR THE AWARD. SARAH HIGHLIGHTED THE QUALITIES THAT MAKE RAISING FINNSHEEP DESIRABLE, INCLUDING THEIR EXCELLENT FORAGE CAPABILITY, EARLY MATURITY, ABILITY TO BREED AND LAMB OUT OF SEASON AS WELL AS THE MARKETABLE PRODUCTS: MEAT, MILK, FIBER AND PELTS.**

**BOTH THE MARYLAND SHEEP AND WOOL FESTIVAL (FIRST WEEKEND IN MAY) AND THE NEW YORK SHEEP AND WOOL FESTIVAL (THIRD WEEKEND IN OCTOBER, OCTOBER 17 AND 18, 2015) HAVE A BREED DISPLAY BARN FEATURING MANY DIFFERENT BREEDS OF SHEEP. THE FINNSHEEP BREEDERS ASSOCIATION PARTICIPATES IN BOTH FESTIVALS. LOOK FOR US UNDER THE BIG RED BANNER IN THE BREED DISPLAY BARN.**

# FINNSHEEP BREEDERS ASSOCIATION

## Profit & Loss

**May 16, 2014 through May 15, 2015**

	<u>May 16,'14- May15,15</u>	<u>May 16,'13-May 15,'14</u>
Ordinary Income/Expenses		
Income		
Annual Dues		
2013	0.00	450.00
2014	575.00	890.00
2015	1390.00	0.00
Annual Dues-other	<u>0.00</u>	<u>15.00</u>
Total Annual Dues	1965.00	1,355.00
Breeders Directory Income		
2013	0.00	290.00
2014	330.00	990.00
2015	<u>1,110.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Breeders Directory Income	1,440.00	1,200.00
Flock Prefix Income	840.00	610.00
Income (other, dup certs. Etc.	151.40	135.75
Membership Income		
Youth Membership	60.00	30.00
Membership Income-Other	<u>1,050.00</u>	<u>900.00</u>
Total Membership Income	1,110.00	930.00
Registrations		
Finn Pedigrees	4,110.50	3,342.00
Non-purebred	62.00	24.00
Pedigree o/12 mth	924.00	900.00
Transfers	<u>1,672.00</u>	<u>1,724.00</u>
Total registrations	<u>6,768.50</u>	<u>5,990.00</u>
Total Income	12,274.90	10,220.75
Expense		
Advertising		
Web page	670.00	300.00
Advertising-other	<u>2,635.14</u>	<u>1,845.30</u>
Total advertising	3,305.14	2,145.30
Contract Labor	3,146.35	2451.10
Data base maint.	200.00	50.00
Dues	50.00	0.00
Meeting	67.73	82.83
Miscellaneous	0.00	43.36
Paypal fees	126.26	0.00
Postage and Delivery	421.58	529.96
Printing and Reproduction	1,248.44	1,627.77
Professional Fees		
Consulting/Data Base	0.00	460.00
Repairs/ Computer	0.00	90.00
Stipend	0.00	400.00
Office supplies	4.64	0.00
Telecommunications	<u>90.00</u>	<u>180.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENSE	<u>8,660.04</u>	<u>8,060.32</u>
Net Ordinary Income/Expenses	3,614.86	2,160.43
Other Income	0.00	27.00
Total other income:	0.00	27.00
Net other income	0.00	27.00
<b>Net Income</b>	<b><u>3,614.86</u></b>	<b><u>2,187.43</u></b>

# FINNSHEEP BREEDER ASSOCIATION DIRECTORY

Join this list for \$30 per year, your listing will also appear on the website

## California

### Shawna & Nels Bloom

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[beaupeepsbabydolls.com](http://beaupeepsbabydolls.com)

Flock prefix: BPS Breeders of registered Finnsheep. Lambs available for sale. Breeding stock. Wool sales

### Tamera Myers,

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13470 Alabama Road Galt, CA 95632

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[www.MedleyFarm.com](http://www.MedleyFarm.com)

Flock Prefix: Medley

Purebred Finnsheep as well as cross-bred Finnsheep (Wensleydale); Purebred registered adult animals as well as lambs, fleeces, pelts and fiber pets. White, Black, Brown, Gray, Fawn, Piebald

## Colorado

### Bridget & Doug Rightmire

37841 Rusty Spur Trail

Agate, CO 80101

(303) 243-1313

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### Chris and Beth Fallon

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459 Sawmill Hill Rd

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[mrsbfallon@yahoo.com](mailto:mrsbfallon@yahoo.com)

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39 Deer Lane

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[FinnishFirstFarm.weebly.com](http://FinnishFirstFarm.weebly.com)

Small flock of high quality, purebred Finns raised on a small farm in the hills of Litchfield County.

## Connecticut

### Rhonda Jaacks, Harlequin Farm

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[HarlequinFarm.blogspot.com](http://HarlequinFarm.blogspot.com)

## Idaho

Bonnie Martinelli

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Flock prefix CRB

CR Blessing is a small family farm specializing in breeding for large size, desirable fleece and exceptional breeding stock

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[walnutspringsfamilyfarm@gmail.com](mailto:walnutspringsfamilyfarm@gmail.com)

[www.pullenfarms.com](http://www.pullenfarms.com)

Healthy rotational grazed registered Finnsheep, Cotswald, Finn-Shetland & Commercial Merino cross. Breeding stock, lambs, beautiful fleeces and roving available

### Fran Smith

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7588 E. State Route 9

Rankin, IL 60960 217.375.4311

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Flock Prefix: Zip Ty Acres Purebred Registered Finnsheep, Finn-Southdown/Tunis cross, Angora goats, Pygora goats, & Angora rabbits. Breeding stock, fleeces, hand dyed wool & rovings. (\$2.00 fee)

## Indiana

### Pamela K. Hoover,

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[www.rrfiberfarm.com](http://www.rrfiberfarm.com)

Purebred Finnsheep, Finn-Shetland Enrolled Status: Mandatory Scrapie Program since 2002 Flock ID: IN 88035

The Rooster's Run store selling yarn, rovings, fleeces plus other wool products as well as Kromski spinning wheels and Howard Brush carders. We also offer registered Angora goats.

### Alan & Christina Huffman

#### Huffman Sheep Farm

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Purebred, Registered Finnsheep for sale.

### Gerald & Paula Perron

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Purebred Finnsheep, Crossbred Finnsheep (Finn/Gotland and Finn/Shetland)

## Iowa

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712.446.3489

Purebred Finnsheep, Crossbred Finnsheep (Finn x Suffolk and Finn x Corridale)

## Iowa , cont.

### **Marvin Blair, BBG Sheep**

3402 Fletcher Avenue  
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712.464.8153  
Purebred Finnsheep and Crossbred  
Finnsheep

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#### **Mormon Trail Farm**

1911 290th Street  
Greenfield, IA 50849  
641.745.2323  
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Purebred White Finnheep& Crossbred  
Finn-sheep Finn x Dorset x Ile de  
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negative

## Maine

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Purebred Finnsheep and crossbred,  
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[www.abundantfibers.com](http://www.abundantfibers.com)

## Maryland

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[johnandmaryomalley@yahoo.com](mailto:johnandmaryomalley@yahoo.com)  
[MaryFinnsheepbreeder@yahoo.com](mailto:MaryFinnsheepbreeder@yahoo.com)  
Purebred Finnsheep breeding stock,  
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Purebred Finnsheep in multiple colors

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## Minnesota

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weaned lambs are ready to go in July

There is space to enter  
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Directory listing

## Minnesota, cont.

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Minnetrissa, MN 55364  
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[treese@threeiversparkdistrict.org](mailto:treese@threeiversparkdistrict.org)  
[www.galewoodsfarm.org](http://www.galewoodsfarm.org)  
Flock Prefix: TRP Flock ID: MN43  
SFCP Enrolled status since 2005  
Purebred Finnsheep, Crossbred  
Corriedale and Icelandic. Gale  
Woods is an educational farm.  
Products include wool, yarn, Pas-  
ture raised lamb, beef, poultry hogs  
and a vegetable CSA

### **Heidi Quist, Prarie Willow Farm**

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Lindstrom, MN 55045  
651,238.5370  
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[www.prairiewillowsfarm.blogspot.com](http://www.prairiewillowsfarm.blogspot.com)

Flock ID: MN 0538  
Registered Finnsheep and Finn x Got-  
land cross. Specializing in quality  
fleece for spinning, weaving and felting.  
Breeding stock available

## Missouri

### **Laurie Moxley**

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Registered Finns black, white,  
chocolate, and Piebald in South  
Central Missouri. A healthy flock  
under rotational grazing manage-  
ment

### **Stormy Thomas**

#### **Stormy Brooke Fiber Farm**

13542 Flora Drive  
Browning, MO 64630  
660.349.5067  
[bct352@mail.missouri.edu](mailto:bct352@mail.missouri.edu)  
Purebred Finnsheep; Finn x South-  
down/babydoll High quality black,  
brown, white, piebald, and badger



## Finnsheep Breeders Directory

### Missouri, cont.

#### **Donna and Robert Putnam Spinning Sheep Fiber Farm**

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Holden, MO 64040

[dputnam.fiber.art@gmail.com](mailto:dputnam.fiber.art@gmail.com)

Flock Prefix: SSFF

Purebred Registered Finn-  
sheep, **Black**, black badgerface,  
piebald. Outstanding moth-  
ers. Lambs, fleeces, wool products  
available.

### New Hampshire

#### **Kathy M. Bugbee**

#### **Tailwinds Farm**

45 Collins Rd

Warner, NH 03278

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Finnsheep in black, white and  
badgerface. Fleeces and hand dyed  
wool & rovings for felting and  
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## Finnsheep Breeders' Association

### Membership and Breeder Directory Form

Instructions: Print, Complete and mail this form and your payment to:

Finnsheep Breeders Association

PO Box 231 305 Lincoln, Wamego, KS 66547

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Farm Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Website: \_\_\_\_\_

MEMBERSHIP YEAR: 20\_\_ Please Check All That Apply:

New Member (\$ 35.00)  Youth/Associate Member (\$ 10.00)

Continuing Member (\$ 25.00)  Continuing Youth/Associate Member (\$ 15.00)

Scrapie Flock ID (if participant): \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) Export ( ) Select ( ) Pending ( ) Enrolled ( ) Certified

The FBA encourages breeders to participate in the Scrapie program; however, participation is not required to become a FBA Member.

*Short Tales, the newsletter of the FBA is free to FBA members. To advertise in Short Tales, contact the FBA secretary.*

Short Tale Newsletter via Email ([this will come via MaryFinnsheepbreeder@yahoo.com](mailto:MaryFinnsheepbreeder@yahoo.com))

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Breeder Directory Listing (\$ 30.00) FBA Members Only: ([Includes FBA website directory, FBA on-line data-base and Short Tales directory](#)) Six (6) photos (jpg format preferred) may be added to a listing; send form and photo files by email to: [webmaster@finnsheep.org](mailto:webmaster@finnsheep.org)

( ) Purebred Finnsheep ( ) Commercial Breeder ( ) Cross-Bred Finnsheep – List crosses \_\_\_\_\_

( ) Wool or Other Value Added Products – list \_\_\_\_\_

Breeder Directory Listing – Include a brief description of 20 words or less.

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Flock Prefix: (\$ 10.00/letter): \_\_\_\_\_

*The Flock Prefix enables Exclusive use of your name, flock, or farm on registrations and is a One Time fee. The Flock Prefix fits best if 10 letters or less...this gives space for the entire animal ID to fit in the space provided on the Certificate of Registry.*

Total Amount Due: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Make check to: Finnsheep Breeders' Association)

Membership/Annual Activity Fees are **due on or before January 7th of each year**. Members receive a free yearly subscription to "Short Tales" newsletter via email (unless requested in hard-copy format), Access to the Finnsheep\_Breeders chat group on Yahoo for encouragement or help in your endeavor, A copy of meeting minutes, and an annual report. Members will receive copies of other pertinent mailings and/or emails.

I/we agree to be governed by the rules, regulations, constitution and by-laws of the Association as amended from time to time, and to keep written records of breeding, exact birth dates and litter sizes of Finnsheep, and further, that I/we will furnish promptly any information concerning same at any time when requested to do so by the Association.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Finnsheep breeders are now found across many States producing pure-bred and crossbred Finnsheep. Breeders look to the Finnsheep Breeders' Association, Inc. to provide record keeping of registrations and transfers of the breed. Since the 1971 inception of the Finnsheep Breeders' Association, Inc. the organization has drawn on the expertise of leading research authorities to enhance the Finnsheep breed and provide leadership in promoting the Finnsheep qualities and characteristics.

## **Mission Statement**

The American Finnsheep Breeders' Association:

\*Provides a national pedigree breed recording system for Finnsheep

\* Maintains the Finnsheep breed standard for the USA. Promotes animal health within the breed and nationally

\*Fosters and promotes the proliferation and marketing of Finnsheep within the national sheep industry and abroad



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