Shepherding 101
For the beginning shepherd or for those who just want to go back over the basics

Saturday June 17

9:00 AM - Four to the Floor, Hoof Care  Elise Gallet de St Aurin
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11:00 AM - Sweet Beginnings: Lambs 101  Elise Gallet de St Aurin
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1:00 PM - Lets talk about Fleece  Rhonda McClure
Whether you are a producer thinking of selling your wool or looking to purchase some top quality wool, there are basic terms, standards, and practices which can help make the process a pleasant one for both parties. Leary of selling or buying fleeces online? Use of the proper terms and knowing what the buyer is looking for is essential. Segments of the sheep industry -Producer, commercial textile industry, and the fiber arts - often use the same words, but they can mean significant different meanings.

We will discuss various aspects of producing and preparing fleece for the specialty market. There is no one 'best' method. Variables are innumerable, and one must tailor your practices to suit your needs.

Maybe you don't have sheep of your own, but knowing basic production practices and wool standards will help you select that fleece that is a joy to work with, and meets your needs for your spinning or felting project. Understanding of wool grading systems and meanings of terms will help connect buyer and seller on the same level.

3:00 PM Shots, Drenches and Eyelids. Oh my!  Elise Gallet de St Aurin
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**11:00 AM - Know Your Internal Parasites - Understanding Fecal Floats**  Erica Solis  
Internal parasites cause slow growth, diarrhea, anemia and potentially death. Fecal exams are most informative when run on individual animals, but cost often makes these important tests prohibitive. Correct parasite identification is key to avoid unnecessary worming and wormer resistance. For a small investment of materials, producers can learn to successfully run fecal exams on their own flocks.

Attendees of this presentation will learn: how to collect fecal samples for the best results, several different methods of running fecal floats, how to differentiate parasite ova (eggs) from debris, how to identify internal parasites that commonly effect small ruminants in the midwest, when and why to choose chemical wormers, and an overview of the basics of using a compound microscope. Several different methods of fecal floatation will be demonstrated. *Material fee $10 per attendee.*

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