



November/December Newsletter

Fall is a time of bountiful harvest, blazing colors of reds, yellows, browns and greens in the tree landscapes. It is a busy time of the year for most. We hope that you have had a good fall season and are looking forward to the year ahead.

In this newsletter you will find an invitation to our annual business meeting. We hope that many of you will be able to attend. It is a time for fellowship as well as seeing how the year went for your fiber co-op. As board members, we hope that you will try to attend and participate in the festivities.

SHOW REPORT

Fiber in the park at Earlville was a nice day with many people in attendance. Sandy Schrader, Julie Barr, Kathy McClure and Connie Gustafson all worked the event. We had a steady stream of customers come in asking questions about the co-op, our farms and sheep. There were people that had been using wool for projects for a long time and also lots of beginners there buying some of their first fiber for projects. It was neat interacting with the people and seeing what they were interested in.



Sandy Schrader and Kathy McClure attending the booth at Fiber in the Park



Booth at Fiber in the Park

The bishop hill show in Kewanee Illinois was much better attended this year than last year. We had many people stop at our booth that knew we were going to be there. Sales were pretty good. Connie Gustafson, Sandy Schrader, deb rock and Kathy McClure worked the show. There were classes that you could attend as well as all kinds of fiber to purchase.



Bishop Hill show in October.



Green Pastures booth at Bishop Hill

GREEN FETE FESTIVAL

A group that was starting a new event and wanted us to participate approached the Illinois green pastures fiber co-op. They were looking for locally produced, Illinois products and felt that we would be a good fit. Connie Gustafson, Sandy Schrader and Julie Barr worked the event. It had quite a few people attending but we did not sell a lot of product but many people stopped and said they would be telling their friends about us who were going to bishop hill. We thought it was a good PR show for us and might create more interest in our co-op in the future.



Booth at Green Fete Festival



Sandy and Julie spinning lesson

PANEL DISCUSSION

We are planning a panel discussion for the annual meeting. Any thoughts on what subjects you would like to see covered??

Some ideas the board members had are as follows:

What is the difference between roving, combed top?

Skirting, how to do it!

Marketing your product

now that you have sheared, what's next?

Covering your fleece animals? To do or not, and how!

We need ideas sent to us soon, so we can prepare for the discussion! Please call or email any of the board members with your ideas.

DOOR PRIZES FOR ANNUAL MEETING

We need door prizes. Donations are accepted. Call Sandy Schrader, 815-264-9047 or Julie Barr 815-758-5414.

THANKS FOR BEING A PART OF OUR VERY SUCCESSFUL 2009!!!! AND JOIN US FOR AN EVEN BETTER 2010!!!!!!

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT US.

**ILLINOIS GREEN PASTURES FIBER CO-OP'S
3RD ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING**

DATE: JANUARY 17TH

TIME: 1:00PM

**PLACE: WATERMAN COMMUNITY BUILDING
DOWNTOWN WATERMAN, IL
160 WEST LINCOLN HWY (RT 30)
WATERMAN, IL 60556**

**PLEASE BRING YOUR FAVORITE APPETIZER. BEVERAGES WILL
BE PROVIDED.**

Tentative Agenda:

Welcome
Minutes of previous Annual Meeting
Treasurer's Report
Show Report
Vote on By-Law Changes
Panel Discussion—interaction between members and a panel

Reminder: Annual Membership Dues of \$25 will be accepted at the annual meeting.

If you are interested in ordering a T-shirt with the Illinois Green Pastures logo on it contact Connie Gustafson at 815-393-3804. Give her the size and number of t-shirts you want so she can order them.

Anyone who hasn't sent pictures of you, your fiber animals and your farm, please bring them to the meeting so we can add them to the Illinois Map Project. Photos will be returned if requested.

We hope to see all of you there!!! It is a really fun time and a chance for us to get to know one another!

SNOW DATE: JANUARY 24, 2009 AT 1:00PM