

Maryland Holds Largest Wool Contest

DAMASCUS, Md. — Seamstresses from Talbot, Harford, and Baltimore County and City topped the field of 74 entries at the Maryland Make It Yourself With Wool Contest held recently at White Marsh Mall near Baltimore, Maryland.

Representing Maryland at the National Make It Yourself With Wool Contest scheduled January 8-12 in Orlando, Florida will be Mary Ann Booth from the junior division (ages 14-17) and Kristin Williamson from the senior division (ages 18-24). Both girls are from Baltimore County, and both received their honors on lovely wool dresses in fashionable teal blue and plum, respectively. In addition to their trips sponsored by the Maryland Sheep Breeders Association, Miss Booth and Miss Williamson received roses from the Baltimore County Sheep and Wool Producers and a cash premium and rosette from the Md. Agricultural Fair Board.

Patricia McHale of Baltimore City captured the adult division championship in the toughest competition of the day with 30 competing. She created a grey wool cape and matching beret to win the professional class and overall honors. In addition to the roses, premium and rosette received by the teen winners, Mrs. McHale won a \$100 gift certificate donated by G Street Fabrics of Rockville, complimentary subscription to *Sew News Magazine*, and a complimentary membership in the Bishop Method of Clothing Construction Council, Washington, D.C. Chapter. Mrs. McHale also will be Maryland's first entry in the new adult photograph competition at the National Contest; should she win the National Championship based on pictures of her garment, she will join Miss Williamson and Miss Booth in Orlando, Florida, in January.

An ambitious 10-year-old from Talbot County, Amanda Brown, took the preteen division (ages up through 13) championship with a

brightly colored wool jacket and skirt entry. Miss Brown also placed first and second with skirt and jumper entries, respectively. Miss Brown received an Elnita 225 sewing machine donated by Elna, Inc. as well as the items received by the other three division winners.

Reserve champion honors went to: Preteens - Adrienne Wojciechowski of Montgomery County; Juniors - Andrea Merritt of Harford County; Seniors - Kristin Williamson of Baltimore County; and Adults - Margaret Fielder of Harford County. Each was awarded a \$50 gift certificate to Clearbrook Wools of Virginia, and a rosette.

A Judges' Award was presented in each age division to an entry that the judges felt showed extra creativity, special workmanship, or unique design. Janine Smick of Harford County received a Funlock serger donated by Creative Needle Magic, Baltimore, and Bernina of America from her two senior division entries. Gift certificates to Jo-Ann Fabrics went to Samantha Wilson of Montgomery County in the Preteen Division and to Tracey Wheatley of Cecil County in the Senior Division. Gift certificates to A Fabric Place went to Laura Langlotz of Baltimore County in the Junior Division and Martha Haley of Anne Arundel County in the Adult Division.

The aforementioned winners were finalists in their respective age groups by winning first place in the classes they entered.

The Maryland Make It Yourself With Wool Contest is part of a national contest program designed to promote the use of wool fiber, foster self-development, and encourage sewing and needlework skills. In the judging, emphasis was placed on fashionability, modeling, and the total presentation of the outfit as well as the workmanship. All entries met a basic requirement of having at least 50 percent wool. ♪



Baltimore County seamstresses took the top awards at the Maryland Make It With Wool Contest. From left: Amanda Bevan, Jenny Otto, Katherine Augustine, Gloria Neallis, Mary Anne Booth, Laura Langlotz, and Kristin Williamson.



Harford County's delegation to the Maryland Make It With Wool Contest included some top prize winners. From left: Jenny Peterson, Mandy Molnar, Janet Brennan, Shannon Heaps, Margaret Fielder, Emily Kolasa, Andrea Merritt, Janine Smick, and Rene Heaps.

Farm Women Societies

Lancaster Society 20

Lancaster Farm Women #20 met on Thursday, December 5, at the home of Marie Foose with Barbara Stone as co-hostess. Following the refreshments enjoyed by the 18 present, Barbara read scripture pertaining to the birth of Jesus and a short story "A Child's Gift."

The two delegates appointed to attend the State Convention are Jean Ressel and Anna Mary Groff. Kenneth Markley will be the speaker at the convention. As members will not have the food

stand at Andrews Bridge next Spring, it was discussed how to raise money for expenses. It was suggested that each one think about it until the next meeting. Pauline Reinhard reported six cards had been sent. A motion was made to give \$50 to the "Make-A-Wish" Foundation.

The Spring Rally will be May 27th at the Host Resort on the Lincoln Highway.

The January meeting will be held at the home of Vera Herr with Jean Ressel as co-hostess.

Berks Society 3

Group 3 of the Berks County Society of Farm Women held its November meeting at the home of Sonya Moyer, Boyertown R.D. 4. President Joan Loeb conducted the business meeting, which was

followed with the making of Christmas ornaments. The next meeting will be a Christmas banquet at the Washington Inn, Bechtelsville. Officers for 1992-1993 will be installed.

Lebanon Executive Board

The Lebanon County Society of Farm Women Executive Board met recently at the municipal building: Fern Hitz, county president, conducted the meeting. Dolores Hitz of Group #3 had devotions. Susan Hawley, secretary, read the report and had roll call. Rosene Bollinger, treasurer, reported that \$1,000 was earned from the cookbook and bake sale held during Farm City Week. Farm Women gave \$500 to Nathan Martin, an 11-year-old farm boy on a

wheelchair, \$500 to 15-year-old Patablo Ortero who was in a train accident in Lebanon, \$500 to Lebanon City Food Bank, and \$500 to the Rescue Mission.

Lebanon County officers for 1992 are Fern Hitz, president; Lois Bohn, first vice president; Crystal Moyer, second vice president; Susan Hawley, secretary; Rosene Bollinger, treasurer; Lorraine Royer, publicity; Sandra Lentz, 4-H representative; and Francis Krall, Family Living.

Lebanon Society 20

Lebanon County Farm Women Group #20 met recently at the home of Patti Maulfair, for a Christmas Party.

Members answered roll call by telling what they would like for Christmas.

Sarah Funck and Charlene Zie-

gler, helped to set up the bake stand at the Lebanon Valley Mall for Farm City Week. Proceeds will benefit area families in need.

Members discussed the possibility of traveling to Columbus, Ohio, for Ameriflora '92.

Volunteers are needed to help

with inventory at Boscov's on Tuesday, January 21. Time donated will be given to the American Cancer Society. Those interested may report to Boscov's at 6:30 a.m. on Jan. 21.

Secret pals were revealed and new names exchanged for next year. The next meeting will be January 20 at the home of Susie Miller.

For a rich, buttery rum-raisin sauce that's delicious over ice cream, pound cake or fruit cake, stir 1 cup of firmly packed brown sugar, 2 tablespoons of corn syrup and 1/4 cup of whipping cream into 1/3 cup of melted butter. Bring just to boiling. Let cool and stir in 2 tablespoons of rum and 2 tablespoons of raisins.