

Spinners Peggy Schott, Pat Thalhauser, and Trudy Dissinger transform raw wool into fine yarn.

From Sheep To Shawl — Sheared Wool Becomes Wearable Fashion

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LEBANON (Lebanon Co.) — Nimble fingers spun fine wool, the shuttle of the weaving loom sped between the warp, and the shearer hand clipped the wool from a docile sheep as the Lebanon Valley Wooleys Club demonstrated the art of weaving a fine quality shawl.

The demonstration at the Lebanon Fair on Tuesday night showed fairgoers how wool shorn from a sheep can quickly be transformed into a wearable garment.

Quickly—that is—if you have the expertise of spinners Peggy Schott of Lebanon, Pat Thalhauser of Lebanon, Trudy Dissinger of Schaefferstown, weaver Barbara Hehnley of Myerstown, and shearer Joe Schott of Lebanon.

The club meets regularly and has participated in sheep to shawl demonstrations for many years.

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Joe Schott of Lebanon demonstrates hand shearing the wool from sheep. In a timed competition, Joe would use electric shears.



Lebanon County Fair Queen Kristy Wright is shown with her parents Larry and Gail and sisters, Jenny, 9, and Janie, 14. The family breeds and raises Golden Retrievers. Kristy is a member of the 4-H Puppy Pals Dog Club for seven years. She trains the dogs and takes them to AKC and 4-H shows. A senior at Northern Lebanon High School, Kristy is active in marching and concert band, choir, school musicals, varsity cheerleading, and tumbling club. She is also a grand diamond WCTU medalist for a speech contest.

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