

# Wool Makes Fashion Statement At KILE

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HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.)  
— Stylish yearling ewes lead by shepherds and shepherdesses dressed in wool finery attracted spectators at the Keystone International Livestock Exposition (KILE) last Saturday.

For the third year, Laura Langlotz of Monkton, Md., captured first place in the senior division. In the intermediate division, Kelly Glaser of Limekiln took first place, and in the junior division, Katie McKissick of New Castle placed first.

Thirty-three participated in the

Keystone Leadline, which showcases the best of the sheep and the classic fashions of wool modeled by the entrants.

The crowd that gathered to watch the leadline often chose a person they thought should win in each of the divisions. Sometimes they agreed with the judges and at other times were surprised. But judges based their decisions on a 100-point scale that allotted 40 points for the contestant and the contestant's outfit, 25 points for control and presentation, and 35 points for the appearance of the ewe.

Since the exhibitor is expected



First-place in the intermediate division goes to Kelly Glaser and her Corriedale ewe, Diane. Kelly's grandmother, Ruth Hartman, helped Kelly knit her sweater. Kelly knit a matching scrunchie for her hair and the matching scarf for her sheep.



Katie Lynn McKissick took top honors in the junior division with her Suffolk yearling ewe that sports a plaid tam that matches Katie's vest.



For the third year, Laura Langlotz, left, took first place in the senior division. Third-place winner Hilda Mitchell spun, wove, and stitched her suit and blouse from Oxford and Romney wool.

to have his or her sheep under control at all times, an uncooperative sheep could cause a drastic drop in a score. The entrants' outfit needed to be made from at least 80 percent wool. Although participants did not need to sew their own outfits, some did and many had family members who either stitched, knit, or wove the wool.

First-place senior division Laura, who is also the Maryland Lamb and Wool Queen, modeled a 100 percent purple wool crepe dress topped with a patchwork vest, which Laura constructed by strip stitching. Clover, her yearling ewe, sported a rosette made from fabric scrapes that matched Laura's outfit. Laura is a sophomore at Villa Julie College where she is studying early childhood education.

Second-place in the senior division was Andrea Musser of New Middletown, Ohio. She modeled a loden green and plum plaid jacket and a straight plum-colored skirt. A high school senior, Andrea is involved in many activities and holds offices in 4-H. She is director and vice-president of the Ohio Junior Suffolk Sheep Association.

Third place in the senior division went to Hilda Mitchell. She spun 20,000 yards of yarn from the wool of her registered Oxford and a Romney sheep then wove the wool into fabric and tailored a gray tweed suit from it and a cream-colored blouse.

Hilda, from Skaneateles, N.Y., will head to New Zealand in January to study wool science for one semester at Lincoln University. When she returns, she will continue her studies in wool and textiles at Cornell University.

In the intermediate division, first-place Kelly Glaser modeled a 100 percent wool skirt and a wool sweater that she and her grandmother knit from wool spun from her flock of Corriedales. Kelly, who is 14 years old, also knit a matching scarf worn by her Corriedale ewe Diane.

Second-place in the intermediate division was Shanna Lynn Kephart of Enon Valley. She wore a 100 percent wool suit accented with a black velvet collar and cuffs. She led a Southdown ewe. The 13-year-old is active in several 4-H clubs in addition to the sheep



For a second-place win in the intermediate division, Shanna Lynn Kephart models her wool suit trimmed with a black velvet collar and cuffs and leads a Southdown yearling ewe.

club. She has participated in five leadline competitions this year.

Emily Rutledge of Jarrettsville, Md., placed third in the intermediate division. She modeled a cranberry-cinnamon colored wool jumper that she made and led a Suffolk ewe.

Katie Lynn McKissick of New Castle took top honors in the junior division. She wore a hunter green 100 percent wool pleated skirt with a coordinated red plaid wool vest. Her registered Suffolk ewe wore a matching plaid tam.

Twelve-year-old Katie had placed third in a previous KILE competition. She has 40 registered

Suffolks in her name that she raises on her parents' (Brenda and Jeffrey McKissick's) farm.

Second-place in the junior division went to Emmalynn Little of Churchville, Md. The 9-year-old wore a 100-percent wool plaid dress. She chose the fabric because it is the clan tartan of her father's ancestors.

She led Rochelle, a registered Jacob yearling ewe, which is an ancient breed dating back to biblical times. She and her family raise a flock of Jacobs, Dorsets, and Suffolk-cross sheep.

Third-place junior division win-

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