

Fashions, Sheep Impress Manheim Crowd

LOU ANN GOOD

Lancaster Farming Staff
MANHEIM (Lancaster Co.) — The Shepherd's Lead Line provided an eye-catching show at the Manheim Community Farm Show last week.

Showing off woolly sheep and fashions were eight boys, eight junior girls, and six senior girls.

Minutes after being crowned Farm Show Queen, Sarah Zurin and her natural-colored ewe lamb participated in the Lead Line competition and placed first in the senior girls category.

In the same division, Amy Haines placed second; Renee Hoover, third; and Angie Bentzel, fourth.

Amy, 12, led a Hampshire lamb, and modeled a pair of hunter green and navy wool slacks and a navy cashmere wool sweater.

Renee, 15, of Denver, modeled a dress and jacket she made as a 4-H project and was a county gold ribbon winner. The short jacket was made from green and navy Pendleton wool and the solid navy dress was also of Pendleton wool.

Angela, 17, was escorted by her Hampshire lamb. She wore a blue Shetland wool sweater and a skirt she made of Roma Wool.

In the junior girls division Stacy Haines, 10, took first place. She led her Hampshire lamb Salt sporting a color-coordinating corsage and plaid halter. Stacy and her mom worked together to make the plum and gray-colored outfit, which included a jacket with pockets, full-styled pants, a lined vest, and a matching plaid beret.

Ashley Funk placed second with a woody dress accented with a short black jacket.

Heather Ziegler placed third in the junior division. Heather wore a two-piece wool dress and jacket styled by her mother. The dress was black wool crepe and the jacket was in a blue and black plaid with coordinating collar and cov-

ered buttons. Both she and her sheep wore matching beret hats.

After placing third in state competition earlier that week, Kelsey Bowman placed fourth in the local junior division. Kelsey wore a wool plum-stripped skirt and fuchsia jacket. She led a Columbia ewe named Rachel who wore plaid bows to compliment Kelsey's outfit.

Generally only one or two boys enter the contest, but to accommodate this year's eight males, a special class was created.

Taking first place was Gabriel Bowman, the picture of a country gentleman. He wore a wool tweed jacket in tones of brown and gray with solid wool trousers to complement. His wool vest was in tones of cream and brown to blend together the whole outfit.

Gabriel led his favorite Columbia ewe Bethany, which was adorned with a wool felt hat trimmed in a rust ribbon to match Gabriel's attire.

Radell Peters of Elizabethtown took a second place this year. He wore a light gray wool jacket with a dark gray wool slacks.

Third place went to Gordon Bowman, a nine-year-old from Drumore and brother to Gabriel. Gordon led a natural colored ewe and wore black wool pants with a gray herringbone wool jacket on top of a red turtleneck shirt.

Corby Ziegler, 14, placed fourth. His mother made him a green and blue wool plaid jacket with patch pockets accented with blue cordoroy on the collar and sleeves. He wore blue wool slacks. Both he and his ewe wore coordinating wool hats.

Contestants are judged on poise, showmanship, outfit being an appropriate style, originality, and on sheep presentation and its appearance. Extra points are given if the garment is hand spun, woven, knit or sewn.



Manheim Farm Show junior exhibitor champions in the Lead Line competition last week went to, from left, Stacy Haines, first place; Ashley Funk, second place; Heather Ziegler, third place; and Kelsey Bowman, fourth place.



Senior girl exhibitors at Manheim Lead Line were, from left, Sarah Zurin, first place; Amy Haines, second; Renee Hoover, third; and Angie Bentzel.

Whiff From These Plants Not Aromatic

UNIVERSITY PARK (Centre Co.) — A rose by any other name might smell sweet, but what about those ornamental or flowers with odors that can knock a buzzard off of roadkill?

Three horticulture experts in Penn State's College of Agricultural Sciences offer their choices for plants with overwhelming aromas. Robert Nuss, professor of ornamental horticulture, writes extensively on gardening and is an expert on landscape plants. Robert Berghage, associate professor of horticulture, oversees the Penn State Trial Gardens. Jay Holcomb, professor of floriculture, is an expert on greenhouse flowers and cut flowers.

"There really aren't that many bad-smelling flowers used in gardens," Berghage says. "Most flowers have little or no scent, and those that do usually smell sweet. But there are a few that can offend some people's sense of smell."

Marigolds. These brightly colored annuals are extremely popular bedding plants — at least from a distance, according to all three Penn State experts. "They have an overpowering musky smell like wet hay or straw," Berghage says. "It's par-

ticularly strong when marigolds are cut and brought indoors."

"Marigolds have a really pungent odor," admits Nuss. "The flower actually smells fine, but the foliage will release a smell if the plants have been handled or cut."

Geraniums. Nuss says some gardeners like geranium odor, but many find its earthy smell offensive. "If you're in a dark room, you can definitely find the geranium," he says.

Lily. "The lily has an overpowering perfume smell, although some types smell stronger than others," Berghage says. "The smell of a lily in a small room often is enough to bring tears to my eyes."

Alyssum. "This flower has a very sweet smell that is overpowering when planted in large groupings," Berghage says.

Petunia. These plants have an earthy smell, according to Berghage.

Daisy/Chrysanthemum. "Most daisies have a mildly earthy smell, but some have a scent mildly reminiscent of cow manure," Berghage says.

Wayfaring Tree (Viburnum lantana). "The flowers on this shrub are small and white, but born in clusters that are very



Boy exhibitors at Manheim Lead Line last week were, from left, Gabriel Bowman, first place; Radell Peters, second place; Gordon Bowman, third; and Corby Ziegler, fourth.

attractive," Holcomb says. "I once made a table arrangement using these flowers and regretted using it as a cut flower. The smell is hard to describe, but it was offensive."

Tree of Heaven. Imported from an island off the coast of China, this tree is an invasive species that drives out native trees. "The odor released by the tree when it is disturbed smells like a skunk to me," Nuss says.

Ginkgo Tree. The fruit of the female ginkgo tree exudes odors after it has fallen. The smell is similar to sewage or related material. "You don't want to be anywhere around this tree when that fruit hits the ground," Nuss warns.

Carriion Plants. This is a term for several varieties of flowers — mostly tropical species that don't grow well in outdoor

gardens — that release odors similar to rotting flesh. "The flower attracts flies, which help the plant pollinate," Nuss says. "One plant in this group is called the 'corpse flower.'"

Nuss says gardeners can seek out ornamentals with pleasing smells, such as sassafras, spicebush, bayberry, some viburnams ("very perfume-like"), witch-hazel and magnolia ("a clove fragrance").