

# Wool Fashions Help Take Connecticut Woman To Top At Big E Competition



Contestants in the Sheep and Wool Fashion Show anxiously await the judges' decision for the selection of championship honors at The Big E in West Springfield, Mass. Pictured from left are Kathleen Rasys of Brimfield, Mass.; Amanda Buffington of North Dighton, Mass.; Jessica Hopkins of North Scituate, Rhode Island; and Leah Gankofskie of Windham Center, Conn. The next edition of The Big E will take place September 14-30, 2001.

WEST SPRINGFIELD, Mass. — Hilary Sepe, a 19-year-old sophomore at the University of Connecticut in Storrs, Ct., sewed and knit an outfit that gained the admiration of judges at the Big E Sheep and Wool Fashion Show in West Springfield, Mass. She won grand champion honors for her ensemble, made of fine, versatile wool fibers.

Sepe, competing in a competition that features the versatility of wool and woolen fibers, knitted a coral-colored long-sleeved sweater from a pattern found among her mother's knitting books. She also sewed a simple mid-length black wool skirt, worn with dark shoes and stockings. She led a natural-colored (black) ewe, named Spotless, from her own small flock of sheep.

The contest helps to promote wool as a simple yet elegant fiber that can be used in a variety of ways. Many of the contestants have spun wool yarn from their own sheep, then knit or crochet it into a sweater, hat, or other garment. Other contestants purchase woolen fabric and then create an outfit that can take them from casual outings to formal gatherings.

In addition to modeling the outfit in front of a panel of judges, the contestants, both male and female, lead a sheep beside them through the ring. They are judged on garment construction, poise, appropriateness of the garment to the individual, and the sheep itself — behavior, cleanliness, and condition of the fleece.

Sepe is majoring in animal and food science at UCONN. She keeps busy as the Connecticut State FFA president and the recording secretary of the UCONN Block and Bridle Club. She also assists first year students in preparing animals for the Little International Livestock Show at UCONN.

Reserve grand champion honors went to Jeanne Grenier, of North Stonington, Ct. The winner of the adult division, Grenier hand-knitted a charcoal gray sweater of 100 percent Merino wool. The sweater featured a light gray yoke and has a circle of black-faced sheep around the yoke. The coordinating gray wraparound skirt was made of 100 percent Pendleton wool. Grenier led a Tunis sheep in the competition, a sheep known for its light red face and legs.

Next year's edition of The Big E takes place Sept. 14-30 in West Springfield, Mass. with an outstanding lineup of agricultural competitions, exhibits and entertainment for all ages.

## Wool Champions Announced At KILE

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — Kathy D'ascenzo of Apple Hill Farm in Spring City, won grand champion fleece at the Keystone International Livestock Exposition (KILE) here at the Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex.

Kathy Smith Farm, Ashland, Ohio, took reserve grand champion fleece. Breeder exhibit of five fleeces was also awarded to Kathy Smith Farm.

In the commercial farm flock fleece category, Kathy Smith Farm received champion. Reserve champion was presented to King Merinos of Sterling, Ohio.

Kathy Smith Farm won both champion purebred farm flock fleece and reserve.

Champion natural colored fleece was awarded to Apple Hill Farm, Spring City. Sheepberry Farm of Halifax, won reserve champion natural colored fleece.

Following is a list of show placings.

### KILE WOOL RESULTS

Class 801-64's, 70's, 80's (fine) combing 1 Kathy

Smith Farm 2 Burkes Little Twenty 3 King Mennos  
 Class 802-60's, 62's, (1/2 blood) combing 1 1 King Mennos 2 King Mennos 3 Wayne E Beare  
 Class 803-56's, 58's (1/4 blood) combing 1 Kathy Smith Farm 2 Kathy Smith Farm 3 Sheepberry Farm.  
 Class 804-50's, 54's (1/4 blood) combing 1. Wayne E Beare 2 Sheepberry Farm 3 Sheepberry Farm  
 Class 805-46's, 48's (low 1/4 blood) combing 1 Wayne E Beare 2 Sheepberry Farm 3 Sheepberry Farm  
 Class 806-Champion commercial farm flock fleece Kathy Smith Farm.  
 Class 807-Reserve commercial farm flock fleece King Mennos.  
 Class 808-Columbia and Cornedale Apple Hill Farm  
 Class 809-Merino ewe fleeces 1 Kathy Smith Farm 2 Kathy Smith Farm. 3. Little Rest Farm.  
 Class 810-Merino ram fleeces: 1. Kathy Smith Farm 2 King Mennos. 3 Burkes Little Twenty.  
 Class 812-Romney 1. Gutekunst Family. 2. Gutekunst Family.  
 Class 813-Montadale, Cheviot and Dorset: 1 Little Rest Farm. 2 Little Rest Farm  
 Class 815-Champion purebred farm flock fleece. 1 Kathy Smith Farm.  
 Class 816-Reserve champion purebred farm flock fleece: 1. Kathy Smith Farm.  
 Class 817-Solid (60's and finer): 1 Burkes Little

## Breast Cancer Awareness Program

WITMER (Lancaster Co.) — A Breast Cancer Awareness Program will be conducted at the Witmer Firehall, Witmer, on Oct. 17, 7 p.m.

Topics discussed include risk factors for breast cancer, value of regular check-ups, the role of the American Cancer Society,

and the importance of mammography and self breast exam methods. Questions are encouraged. Also included in the program is a discussion by women who survived breast cancer.

The free program is provided by the American Cancer Society and concerned

health care workers. Refreshments and door prizes will be distributed.

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