#### SDSGA CONVENTION Pre-Registration - Due 9/8/17

#### Friday - September 29 ~ Bus Tour & Social

\_\_\_\_ Faribault Woolen Mill Bus Tour "Evening at the Museum" Lamb Social

Friday registration fee: \$15/person or \$30/family. Bus tour, lunch & evening social event all included.

#### Saturday - September 30

- \_\_\_\_\_ Shepherd's Shuffle 5K  $\sim$  \$35 each
- \_\_\_\_\_ Shepherd's Shuffle Fun Run (1 mi)  $\sim$  \$30 each
- \_\_\_\_\_ Master Lamb Producer Luncheon  $\sim$  \$12 each
- \_\_\_\_\_ MIWW Luncheon  $\sim$  \$12 each
- \_\_\_\_\_ MIWW Designer Joi Workshop ~ \$30 each
- \_\_\_\_\_ Awards Banquet  $\sim$  \$20 each
- \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday registration ~ non-SDSGA members \$10/person or \$25/family
- \_\_\_\_\_ SDSGA dues ~ 50/yr ~ includes Saturday convention, ASI magazine & voting privileges

#### Sunday - October 1

\_\_\_\_\_ Bonus Tour - transportation on your own. No registration fee for this tour.

Pre-registration is not required, but is encouraged. Please indicate # people attending each event above to help in our event planning. Registration fees may be paid in advance or at the convention.

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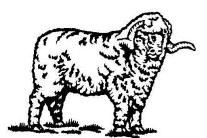
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Send registration forms to: SDSGA ~ Patty DeZeeuw, 21315 US Hwy 14, Elkton, SD 57026 or email to: **sdsheepgrowers@yahoo.com** 



80th Annual Convention

# SOUTH DAKOTA SHEEPGROWERS ASSOCIATION



Producing America's Lamb and Wool

September 29-30, 2017

Brookings, SD



# **SDSGA 80TH ANNUAL CONVENTION**

# FRIDAY - SEPT 29, 2017

Join us on Friday as we begin early with our bus tour to the Faribault Woolen Mill ~ leaving 7:00 am from the Brookings Days Inn. We will enjoy some entertaining speakers & videos during the ride over & back, and our highlight will be to see the historic Woolen Mill in action. You will get to see first hand where the SDSU Signature Wool blankets were created ~ from clean wool to finished product! Enjoy refreshments, lunch & fun during the trip.

Friday after the bus tour will feature our special "Night at the Museum". Attendees will enjoy a wide variety of lamb appetizers, assorted goodies, and social time at the SD Agricultural Heritage Museum. The current displays are: "The Unspun Tale: Sheep in SD" and "Barley to Barrel: Science and History of Brewing in SD". The family-friendly social will also feature activities for the younger crowd.

Unique hand-crafted wool items using SDSU Wool Project fabric or yarn will be on display during the social  $\sim$  and everyone will have a chance to bid on them during the evening auction. All proceeds from the challenge auction will be donated to the SDSU Signature Wool Project scholarship fund!

Signature Wool Project scholarship fund!

## SATURDAY - SEPT 30, 2017

NEW SHEPHERD'S SHUFFLE 5K & FUN RUN

Join us early Saturday morning for our first ever SDSGA Convention race! Enter the 5K Run or the 1 mile Fun Run ~ free t-shirts and "Farm to Feet" wool running socks for the first 150 registered. The 1st place male and female in the 5K will receive a "sock drawer makeover" complements of Farm to Feet socks. Proceeds from the event will be donated to The Shepherd's Gift: GM1 for HD project. Easy registration on-line at allsportcentral.com.

### **SATURDAY - CONTINUED**

Saturday morning our main program will begin at the Days Inn Convention Center. Following our official welcome to Brookings and SDSU, Peter Orwick, ASI, will cover current issues and sheep industry updates. Benny Cox, ALB, will be highlighting the history and effect of changing market demographics on the sheep industry. Lisa Webster, owner of North Star Sheep Farm in Maine will talk about promotion of sheep from farm to table in their operation. The SD Master Lamb Producer Luncheon will highlight the award winning sheep operations for 2017.

The afternoon will feature Dan Persons from Shearwell Data with sheep ID management, followed by Danci Baker speaking on farm transition planning.

The business meeting will also be held in the afternoon, and producers and convention attendees are encouraged to take part. New directors will be elected, issues in the sheep industry addressed, and educational and promotional activities will be planned for the coming year.

We will have an on-going trade show on Saturday, and opportunities for producers to network with others and meet with industry leaders from the region.

Saturday will also feature a "Fleece to Shawl" contest. Teams will be working from 9 am to 5 pm to complete a shawl from SD wool. Each shawl will be auctioned on Saturday night prior to the banquet at the social hour. Area fiber guilds will host fun "hands-on" wool activities for both kids and adults during the morning.

#### SUNDAY - OCT 30, 2017

Join us on a "bonus tour" Sunday morning to the Larry & Susan Holler operation just north of Brookings and see a first-hand demonstration of the Shearwell Data system for animal identification & management.



# MIWW State Finals

The SD state finals for the "Make It

With Wool" contest will be held on Saturday during the SDSGA convention ~ off-site this year at the Mission Coffeehouse. We are excited to offer an afternoon workshop with Designer Joi: "Wool ~ A Touch of Style". Participants will learn special techniques for working with wool fabric & fitting. MIWW judging will be during the morning, workshop in the afternoon, and MIWW winners announced at the evening banquet.

# **CONVENTION HEADQUARTERS**

The Days Inn Hotel & Convention Center will be the main location for the 2017 SDSGA Annual Convention.

#### Days Inn - 692-9471 (40 rooms/\$99.00 - until 9/8)

Ask for the SDSGA block when reserving your room. There are also other motels close to the convention site, with variable rates ~ reserve early for best choices.

# **CONTACT INFORMATION**

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