



# THE BLUE NEWS

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## BLACK SHEEP GATHERING

**Kathy Davidson**

I flew out to Salt Lake in Utah where Molly picked me up and we drove to Eugene, Oregon for the Black Sheep Gathering. It was a twelve hour drive since most of the Oregon stretch was on a two lane highway. The weather was cool and great for travelling.

Eugene is a wonderful place for a show. The fairgrounds have several very nice buildings. Good shopping at the vendor booths and lots of sheep to look at. On Saturday evening all the vendors and show folks had a pot luck dinner. Lamb was done on the grill and it was sensational.

After the meal, the Shepherd's Lead competition took place. Five fellow Bluefaced Leicester breeders modeled out BFL attire leading Blues. We wore knitted sweaters, shawls and scarves. Nancy Gilkeson's granddaughter, Brooke, wore a felted shawl that was just beautiful. The emcee for the show was Trish Andersen. She was so witty and fun. She had everyone chanting "Bluefaced Leicester" as we walked into the ring with our Blues. She made the show so entertaining. People will surely recognize a Blue now.

*Kathy Davidson*





# BLUES IN THE NEWS

## Black Sheep Gathering June 2009

### Bluefaced Leicester Show

**Judge: Mark Eidman**

#### Yearling Ram

- 1st Koenig, OR
- 2nd Koenig, OR - NC
- 3rd Koenig, OR

#### Ram lamb

- 1st Koenig
- 2nd Koenig, OR - NC
- 3rd Gustafson, CA
- 4th Koenig, OR
- 5th Gilkeson, OR
- 6th Gilkeson, OR

#### Pr ram lambs

- 1st Koenig, OR
- 2nd Gustafson, CA
- 3rd Koenig, OR - NC
- 4th Gilkeson, OR
- 5th Hanson, OR

#### CH Ram - Koenig

#### Res. CH Ram - Koenig

#### Yearling Ewe

- 1st Gilkeson, OR
- 2nd Koenig, OR
- 3rd Gustafson, CA
- 4th Koenig, OR

#### Ewe lamb

- 1st Koenig, OR
- 2nd Gustafson, CA
- 3rd Gustafson, CA
- 4th Gustafson, CA
- 5th Koenig, OR
- 6th Hanson, OR

#### Pr. ewe lambs

- 1st Gustafson, CA
- 2nd Koenig, OR

#### CH Ewe - Gilkeson

#### Res. CH Ewe - Koenig

#### Young Flock

- 1st Koenig, OR
- 2nd Gustafson, CA



**more ram lambs**



**CH Ram**



**Ram lamb lineup**



**Res CH Ram**



**Yearling ewe line up**



**Ram lamb ~ Pairs ~ entries**



**Ewe lamb entries**



**Ram lambs**



**CH & Res CH Ram selection**



**1st place ewe lamb**





CH Ewe

## SPINNER'S LEAD CONTEST

It was a great weekend at the Black Sheep Gathering and as usual, a fun Spinner's Lead. Trish Anderson, the emcee, always entertains us. The BFL breeders had five entries in the Spinner's Lead competition.

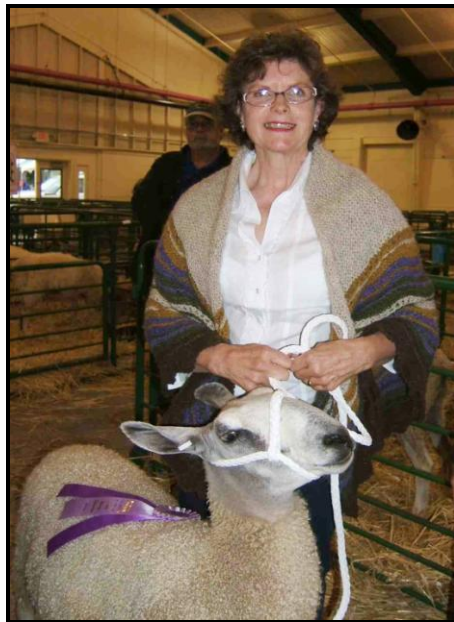
Kathy Davidson was first for us showing a fabulous shawl leading my Res Ch Ewe. Following was my friend Shirley leading my Res Ch Ram wearing her own created pattern from a BFLx lamb. Next Sue Gustafson (CA) with her NC BFL ewe lamb and gorgeous sweater, and also competing was Nancy Gilkeson's granddaughter in the white shawl and her BFL Ch Ewe.

There was so much new interest and awareness this year in our breed and another breeder/vendor was also impressed with BFL interest and sales. We are all looking forward to next year.

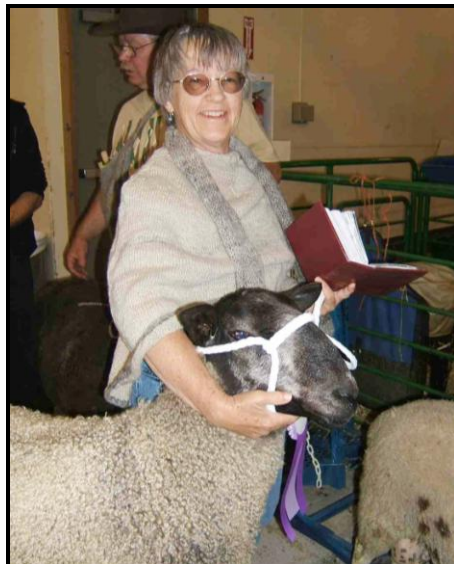
Robina



Trish the emcee



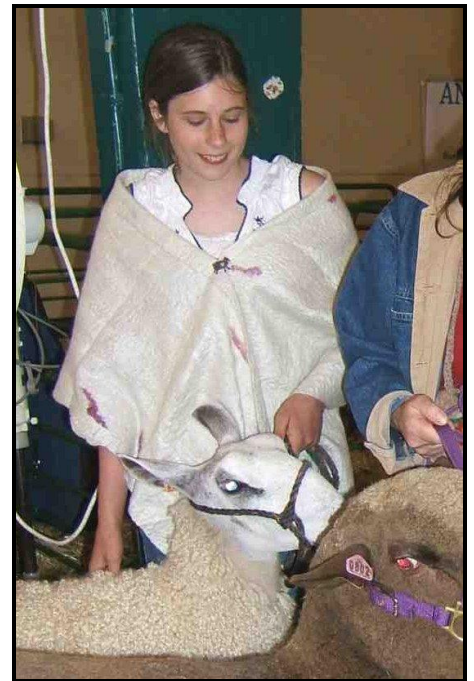
Kathy



Shirley



Sue



Brooke



Robina

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