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I'm proud to announce the first of three Small Flock / Beginning Shepherd Committee sessions planned for 2010. So mark your calendars and plan to attend at least one these FREE sheep/fleece sessions geared to help shepherds, whether their flocks are new or old, big or small, share ideas and learn effective aspects of raising and enjoying their sheep.

Saturday, April 17, 2010. Sue Pufpaff - Pufpaff's Fiber Processing, 5038 E M-79 Hwy, Nashville, MI. 49073 will be the site of our first session. This is half way between Hastings and Nashville. Web site: <http://fibermill.yurtboutique.com>

We plan to start at 10:00 AM with Dr. Heather Ludlam's session on "Lambing Basics". Half of her session will be a PowerPoint presentation and the other half is hands-on. During the hands-on Heather uses an artificial uterus along with dead lamb fetuses. She'll bring gloves for all participants, but they should plan to bring coveralls.

12:00 Lunch – Sue says we can have a potluck and are welcome to use the kitchen.

At 1:00 PM, Letty Klein present "Let's Talk About Fleece" using available fleeces, Letty will talk about the uniqueness, variety, and uses of fleece from different sheep breeds, plus characteristics that make up a good fleece. Letty will encourage shepherd's to show their best fleeces in fleece competitions, like the one at Michigan Fiber Festival, by demonstrating proper skirting and presentation techniques. We may even have a mock-fleece show to illustrate what a judge looks for when judging a fleece for handspinning.

Then at 3:00 PM, Sue Pufpaff will conduct a Tour of the Fiber Mill to demonstrate what happens to your fleece during processing. The Felting Machine will also be up and running so you can see it in action.

To conclude the day, Sue will present a short talk about the pros and cons of Llamas as Livestock Guardians.

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