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Wool Village at Pennsylvania Organic FarmFest Showcases Vendors, Fiber Demonstrations, Free Activities for Children

The “Wool Village” is growing! Fiber enthusiasts can enjoy a variety of fiber-related activities at the annual Pennsylvania Certified Organic FarmFest on Friday, August 7 and Saturday, August 8. FarmFest is held on the Centre County Grange Fairgrounds in Centre Hall. Admission and parking are free.

Last year’s inaugural Wool Village that was well-received by hundreds of fiber enthusiasts. Its popularity convinced the FarmFest organizers to move the venue to a larger building in the heart of the festive activities.

Vendor registrations have increased and space is still available. To apply, first contact Kim Bierly, the Wool Village Coordinator and owner of Main Street Yarn in Rebersburg, PA, at kimbierly@hotmail.com and then complete the vendor application, registering as a Farm & Craft Vendor (indoors) and indicate that you want to be part of the Wool Village. Applications are available at <http://farmfest.paorganic.org>.

“The Wool Village brings together knitters, crocheters, spinners and weavers. It offers the opportunity to observe fiber craft demonstrations, shop at vendor booths, and start a new hobby,” says Mrs. Bierly. The Wool Village will be open from 9:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. both days.

There are several exciting new additions this year. Please check the FarmFest website for the finalized schedule. New features will include:

- An educational program “Where Does Fiber Begin,” with fiber animals and their owners who will discuss the animals, the fiber they produce and the care needed to take proper care of the animals.
- A Fleece-To-Shawl Demonstration on Saturday in the Wool Village building.
- Free fiber craft projects for youngsters.
- Demonstrations by volunteers including: spinning with a drop spindle and spinning wheel, machine knitting, and needlearts.

“The Wool Village is a great opportunity for fiber enthusiasts and vendors,” says Mrs. Bierly. “Over the past decade the interest in knitting, crocheting, spinning, and weaving have increased dramatically. Various studies show the health benefits to those who participate in fiber crafts,” she added.

The 2015 Pennsylvania Organic FarmFest is a fun, free community-building event that fosters knowledge of organic agriculture and sustainable living through educational opportunities, local foods, lively entertainment, and interactive family activities.

Visit us at farmfest.paorganic.org or call 814-422-0251 for more details and to learn how you can reserve a coveted Grange Fair Army Tent or camping spot, run in the FarmFest 5K on Saturday morning August 8 at 9 am, or select the educational workshops you'd like to attend. Bring the whole family to FarmFest 2015 and Learn, Shop, Listen, Play, and Eat local organic foods from area farmers!

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