

I grew up on what would today be called a hobby farm near Ann Arbor, Michigan. My interest in large animals leaned toward horses. Dad wouldn't have agreed to sheep.

As an adult I became obsessed with the idea of washing a fleece, spinning the wool into yarn and knitting a sweater. I had no clue how to accomplish that so set out to learn.

My journey has taken us to multiple landmarks. I choose to raise Coopworth sheep. They have been a staple on our farm since 1992. We direct market our wool and meat at Festivals and farmer's markets.

Together with my husband Paul we operate Hidden Valley Woolen Mill. This is where we are able to assist people involved with sheep by educating them on the value of wool and what can be done to improve the clip.

I would like to serve on the board to offer a diverse point of view. I would like to see all aspects of the sheep industry represented.

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