

27th Annual Sheep Is Life Celebration
Navajo Nation Museum, Window Rock, AZ.
Agenda/ Itinerary Friday & Saturday, June 16 & 17, 2023
(Presentations, Time/Locations are subject to change)

Day 1, Friday, June 16, 2023, 7:00 am to 5:00 pm

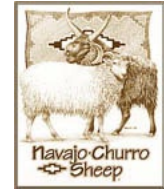
Outside/In Door Events:

7:00am-8:00am, Navajo Nation Museum Hogan, Diné Traditional Morning Prayer, the sharing of The Rites of Passage in Relation to the Diné Sheep, Taa' Dibé by Diné Hataalii/Traditional Healer & Counselor, Wilson De Vore Jr., Crownpoint Health Care Facility, Native Medicine Program, NM. Due to COVID- 19 and the limited available seating inside the Hogan, this in-person event will be for DBI/N-CSA members/guests, but we will broadcast this FB Live for others to view, thank you for your understanding.

Auditorium Presentations:

***Mistress of Ceremony, DCAA Organizer, Denisa Livingston**

1. 8:00 am-8:15 am, Welcome Address by DBI Madame President, **Mae Salago King**
2. 8:15 am-8:30 am, Entertainment, Miss Navajo Nation 2023-2024, **Valentina P.N. Clitso**
3. 8:30 am-9:30 am, National Center for Appropriate Technologies (NCAT) Regenerative Grazing Specialist, Parasite Management and Sheep Health, **Linda Poole**
4. 9:30 am-9:45 am, Slow Food USA, **Mara Walton**
5. 9:45 am-10:00 am, Food is Medicine, Four Bridges Traveling Permaculture Institute (Executive Director) and Slow Food Turtle Island Association (Indigenous Terra Madre Board Member), **Lorraine Grey**
6. 10:00 am-10:30 am, Rio Grande/Chimayo Weaving History, Rio Grande/Chimayo Weaver, **Emily Trujillo**
7. 10:30 am-11:30 am, Navajo Nation Department Ag., Navajo Grazing Legislations/Update on Conservation Planning Requirement and others, **Staff**
8. 11:30 am-12:00 pm Overview of Sheep Breeds, **Linda Poole**
9. 12:00 pm-12:30 pm, Lunch, DBI Awards Presentations, Board of Director, **Alta Piechowski,**



10. 12:30 pm-1:00 pm, Lunch, Keynote Address by Navajo Nation President , **Dr. Buu Nygren**
11. 1:00 pm-1:30 pm, SAMS Sheep Project, Tsaile Dine College, **Keidrell Russell**
12. 1:30 pm-2:00 pm, Diné Community Advocacy Alliance (DCAA), **Denissa Livingston**
13. 2:00 pm-3:00 pm, Short Film-Youth Sheep Herder Apprenticeship- Panel Discussion, **John Hosteen**
14. 3:00 pm-3:30 pm Navajo Weaver-Fiber Artist, **Tahnibaa Naataanii**
15. 3:30 pm-4:00 pm, Rainbow Fiber CO-OP Projects/Programs, Executive Director **Nikyle Begay**
16. 4:00 pm-4:30 pm, Veterinary Care, **Dr. Adrienne Ruby**
17. 4:30pm-5:00pm, Navajo-Churro Common Issues, **Jim Keyes**

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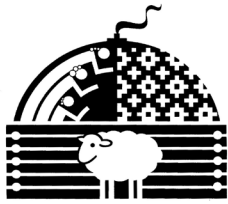
**Wool Show, 3PM-5PM, to be held inside the Snack Bar*

** Male Weavers Pop-Up Exhibit & DBI Informational Exhibit Panels Displays, Museum Lobby, June 16 & 17, 2023, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.*

- 1. LeAnder Goldtooth, Traditional Fiber/Basket Weaver Artist**
- 2. Tyrrell Tapaha, Navajo Weaver, Print Maker, Fiber Artist**
- 3. Kevin Tsosie, Navajo Knot Weaver, Adobe Brick Maker, Recycled Art Artist**
- 4. Quaid Attakai, Hand Processing Wool into yarn**
- 5. Manuel Harrison, Sash Belt Weaver**

** Sheep to Loom Spin Off, Outside Canopies, June 16 & 17, 2023, 8am-5pm on going demonstrations:*

- 1. Tahnibaa Naataanii, Navajo Fiber Artist**
- 2. Emily Trujillo, Rio Grande/Chimayo Weaver, Table Top Weaving**
- 3. Spin Off Groups demonstrating Navajo Weaving, Spinning, Fiber Arts: Beclabito, Ganado, Gallup and all surrounding areas are invited**
- 4. Espanola Valley Fiber Arts Center, Inkle Weaving and Rio Grande Spinning**



**NCLP/Slow Food Turtle Island/ Diné Community Advocacy Alliance (DCAA) Sheep Harvesting/Food Tasting, Friday, June 16, 2023, 8am-5pm, ongoing outside by the Hogan and inside the Snack Bar/Kitchen.*

- Davidson Tsosie, Traditional Sheep Harvesting, Cooking & Tasting, Outside by Hogan, 8:00am to 12:00pm

Sheep is Life, Navajo Churro Sheep Presidium Tasting Menu, on Friday, June 16, 2023:

-Wheatberry & Prickly Pear Cactus Parfait, 10am

-Amaranth & Chokecherry Salad, 12noon

-Navajo Churro Lamb, Manoomin (wild rice) & Squash, raised/donated by Presidium co-founder Roy Kady 2pm

-Three Sisters Stew (Diné corn, White Bavi (beans), Squash with Navajo Churro Lamb raised/donated by Presidium co-founder Roy Kady, (optional Chimayó Red Chili), 4pm

-Native Tea and Infused Fruit Water

Day 2, Saturday, June 17, 2023, 8:00 am to 8:00 pm

Outside/In Door Events:

*8:30 am-10:30 am Sheep Show to be held outdoors at the Sheep Corral

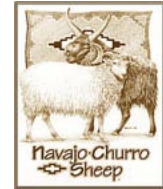
10:30 am-11:30 am **Dr. Adrienne Ruby** will present about Ram Fertility and Vaccinations, Sheep Corral

11:30 am break for lunch, come back at 1:00pm

Auditorium Presentations:

***Master of Ceremony, DBI Vice-President, Jackie Frank**

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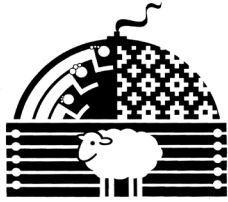
2. 9:00 am to 9:30 am, Showing of “A Gift from Talking God” documentary by **Peter Blystone**
3. 9:30 am to 10:00 am, The Livestock Conservancy Program/Projects, Senior Program Manager, **Jeannette Beranger**
4. 10:00 am to 11:00 am, Other Films/Entertainment, TBA
5. 11:00 am to 12:00 pm, Let My People Grow, Turquoise Indigo Fiber, Owner **Ira Vandever**
6. 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm, Showing of Film by **4-Directions of Healing**
7. 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm, Inspector **Jim Keyes**, Extension Associate Professor of Utah State University, will be presenting The Breed Standard with an in depth look at what makes an animal fail registration, and a discussion about breeding strategies to avoid the most common issues.
2. 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm, **Connie Taylor**, former N-CSA Registrar, Current Inspector Chair and Special Advisor to the N-CSA, will be presenting on the wide range of variation that makes a registerable sheep, and other related topics that the Inspectors face.
3. 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm, Inspector **Nikyle Begay**, Executive Director of Rainbow Fiber Co-op, will be presenting on Color and Pattern, how to identify and label the many colors and patterns of Navajo-Churro Sheep.
4. 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm, N-CSA Business Office Manager **Bonnie Barcus**, former N-CSA President, will be presenting how to fill out your registration forms, a practical guide.

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****6:00 pm-8:00 pm N-CSA Banquet, AGM, and Silent Auction Finale,
To be held inside the snack bar.**

Sheep Is Life Celebration adheres to:
PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER
NAVAJO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
WITH THE
OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND PROTECTION PROGRAM
January 20, 2023

Public Health Emergency Order No. 2023-001

Lifting the Indoor Mask Mandate for the General Public and for all Businesses

<https://ndoh.navajo-nsn.gov/Portals/0/PDF/PHE/NDOH-OEHPP-PHEO-No%202023-001.pdf>

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And to ALL the Volunteers, Ahéhee'

Pre Celebration Workshop Host;

Weaving in Beauty Store-Mary Walker, Owner

213 West Coal Avenue, Gallup, NM

Pre-Celebration Workshops

June 12-15, 2023, 9:00 am to 5pm