

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

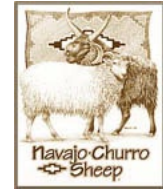
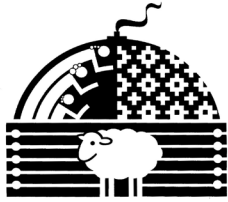
Outside/In Door Events:

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 Hataa'ii/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 to 8:15 am**, Welcome Address by DBI Madame President, **Mae Salago-King**
2. **8:15 am to 8:45 am**, Entertainment, Miss Navajo Nation 2023-2024, **Valentina P.N. Clitso**
3. **8:45 am to 9:15 am**, National Center for Appropriate Technologies (NCAT) Regenerative Grazing Specialist, Parasite Management and Sheep Health, **Linda Poole**
4. **9:15 am to 9:45 am**, Food is Medicine, Four Bridges Traveling Permaculture Institute (Executive Director) and Slow Food Turtle Island Association (Indigenous Terra Madre Board Member), **Lorraine Gray**
5. **9:45 am to 10:00 am**, Hoop Dance, **Mitchell Shonkwaiataroroks Gray**, Mohawk from Akwesasne.
6. **10:00 am to 10:30 am**, Rio Grande/Chimayo Weaving History, Rio Grande/Chimayo Weaver, **Emily Trujillo**
7. **10:30 am to 11:30 am**, Navajo Division of Natural Resources., Navajo Grazing Legislations/Update on Conservation Planning Requirement and others, **W. Mike Halona, Division Director**



8. 11:30 am to 12:00 pm, Overview of Sheep Breeds, **Linda Poole**
 9. 12:00 pm to 12:30 pm, Let My People Grow, Turquoise Indigo Fiber, Owner **Ira Vandever**
 10. 12:30 pm to 1:00 pm, Slow Food USA, **Mara Welton**
 11. 1:00 pm to 1:30 pm, BREAK
 12. 1:30 pm to 2:00 pm, Diné Community Advocacy Alliance (DCAA), **Denisa Livingston & Irma Livingston**
 13. 2:00 pm to 2:30 pm, Navajo Weaver-Fiber Artist, **Tahnibaa Naataanii**
 14. 2:30 pm to 3:00 pm, Rainbow Fiber CO-OP Projects/Programs, Executive Director **Nikyle Begay**
 15. 3:00 pm to 3:30 pm, Veterinary Care, **Dr. Adrienne Ruby**
 16. 3:30pm to 4:00pm, Navajo-Churro Common Issues, **Dr. Jim Keyes**
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Male Weavers Pop-Up Exhibit/Demonstrations, Museum Lobby Area, June 16 & 17, 2023, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM:

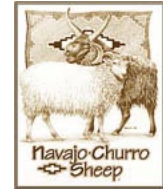
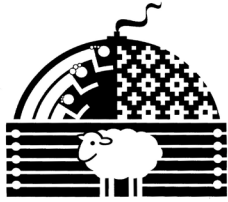
1. **LeAnder Goldtooth**, Traditional Fiber/Basket Weaver Artist
-11am & 1pm, How to Harvest and make Chilchin (3-Leaf Sumac Berry) Porridge
2. **Tyrrell Tapaha**, Navajo Weaver, Print Maker, Fiber Artist
3. **Kevin Tsosie**, Navajo Knot Weaver, Adobe Brick Maker, Recycled Art Artist
-10am & 2pm, Making Natural Adobe Bricks, outside under Demonstration Canopy
4. **Quaid Attakai**, Hand Processing Wool into yarn
-9am & 3pm, Wool Washing, outside under the Demonstration Canopy
5. **Lemuel Harrison**, Sash Belt Weaver

* Navajo Nation Museum Collections Visit, Museum Lobby Area:

- 11am to 12pm**, View/Visit four Navajo weavings from the 1800's, open for input, documentation and interpretation, **Manny Wheeler & Staff**

*Sheep Shearing Demonstration, Outside in the Sheep Pen:

- 10am & 12noon**, Electric Shearing by **Filiberto Vecenti**, Dine College Land Grant
-11am & 1pm, Hand Shears Shearing by **Quaid Attakai**, Sheep Herder, Blue Gap, AZ.



Navajo-Churro Wool Show: 3PM-5PM, Nikyle Begay Coordinator, Outside in the Sheep Pen

*** 8am to 5pm, Sheep to Loom Spin Off, June 16 & 17, 2023**
(Outside Demonstration Canopy)

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

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Navajo-Churro Sheep Association Annual General Meeting, 5:30pm
Museum Snack Bar Patio, all are welcome to attend!

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***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 & Norman Yazzie**, Traditional Sheep Harvesting, Cooking & Tasting,
Outside by Hogan, 8:00am to 12:00pm

Tasting Menu:

- Grilled Ahchii (Sheep Intestines)
- Grilled Liver with Cull Fat
- Blood Sausage
- Vegetable Stew
- Wild Parsley & Onion Soup
- Blue Corn Tortillas
- Navajo Tea/Water



Navajo Churro Heritage Sheep Presidium Tasting, on Friday, June 16, 2023, (Snack Bar)

Featuring Chef Mackee Bancroft, Ute Mtn. Ute & Diné

Tasting Menu:

- 10am, Wheatberry & Prickly Pear Cactus Parfait
- 12pm Noon, Amaranth & Chokecherry Salad
- 2pm, Navajo Churro Lamb, Manoomin (wild rice) & Squash, raised/donated by Presidium co-founder Roy Kady
- 4pm, 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)
- Native Tea and Infused Fruit Water

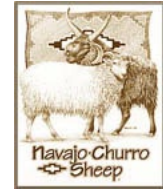
Day 2, Saturday, June 17, 2023, 7:00 am to 8:00 pm

7am to 8am, Diné Traditional Morning Blessing, Ron Garnanez, Outside the Museum Hogan

Auditorium Presentations:

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

1. **8:00 am to 8:30 am**, DBI Awards Presentations, Board of Director, **Dr. Alta Piechowski**
 - a. **Special Presentations by, Thunder Voice Hat Co., Sackcloth & Ashes, Ravis Henry and Pam Ramsey's Family Memorial Award**
2. **8:30 am to 9:30 am**, Sharing of Sheep Lifeways Stories/Experiences, Elders Panel, Moderator **Colleen Biakeddy**
3. **9:30 am to 10:00 am**, The Livestock Conservancy Program/Projects, Senior Program Manager, **Jeannette Beranger**
4. **10:00 am to 10:30 am**, Short Film "Carrizo Mountain Weavers/Artisans" by **John Hosteen**
5. **10:30 am to 11:30 am**, Youth Sheep Herding Apprenticeship Panel Discussion, Moderator **John Hosteen**, Panelist: **Tyrrell Tapaha, Kevin Tsosie, Quaid Attakai, Kevin Aspaas, Eliseo Curley, Jackie Frank and Lemuel Harrison**
6. **11:30 am to 12:00 pm**, Paris Hemp/Wool Project, **Shaylee Vandever**
7. **12:00 pm to 12:30 pm**, "Today We Butcher Book Manuscript" reading by **Christine Ami**
8. **12:30 pm to 1:00 pm**, Tó Nizhóní Ání, Media Organizer, **Adrian Herder/Staff**



9. **1:00 pm to 2:00 pm**, Inspector **Dr. 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.
8. **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.
9. **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.
10. **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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8:30 am-10:30 am, Sheep Show, Navajo-Churro Sheep Assoc., Outdoor Sheep Pen

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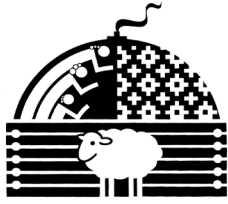
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5:00 pm-7:00 pm N-CSA Banquet, and Silent Auction Finale

(To be held inside/outside the snack bar)

Featuring Navajo Chef Ron Garnanez

MENU:

- Roasted N/C Lamb w/wild spring onion & wild spring parsley seasoned with chil chin.
- N/C Lamb stew with green chili, wild onion, wild parsley and blue corn meal.
- Blue corn meal mush.
- Chili chin.
- Navajo cake drizzled with apricot sauce
- Frybread & Tortillas
- Navajo Tea

*** N-CSA Silent Auction organized by Dixie Earl, all day Friday & Saturday in the Snack Bar***



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We wouldn't have been able to put on this amazing event without you!

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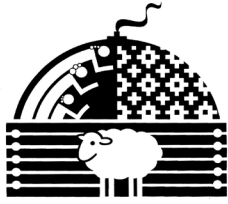
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Sheep Is Life Celebration adheres to:

PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER

NAVAJO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH WITH THE
OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND PROTECTION PROGRAM

Dated 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>

**We shall see you next year, Sheep Is Life Celebration,
Is always the 3rd weekend in June,
Journey home safely, see you next year, and may we all continue walking in beauty!**