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**Preserving Breed Standards since 1983**

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SUMMER 2022 NEWSLETTER

# SCHSIA PRESIDENT'S LETTER

**Hello and greetings to all SCHSIA members,**

We have a great new board for our association and I am looking forward to working with them to grow the St. Croix International Hair Sheep Association.

**An important update for you all:**

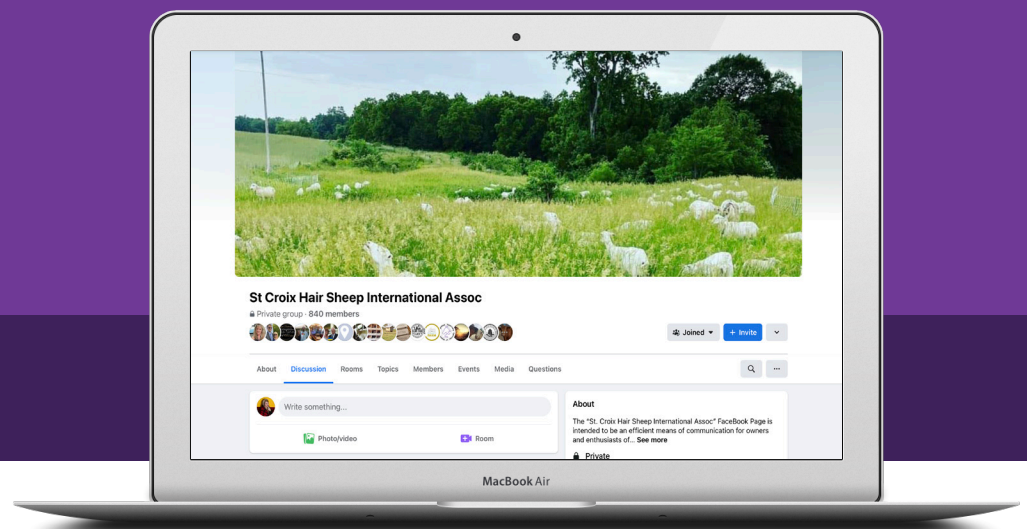
We have been discussing closing the breed book for several months. That vote has been taken and the breed book is closed, the vote was unanimous. There will be some transfer exceptions. These exceptions will be after careful vetting and board approval. We are very excited to have this milestone behind us. We all want to grow and preserve the breed standard of white and poled.

I would like to suggest that when you are selling sheep that you inform any potential buyers that you may come in contact with, that there are two associations. Ours, which promotes polled and white sheep, and the other who accept color and scurs. When talking about this topic, please explain to your buyer why you chose our association.

If you have any thoughts or comments regarding the above issue, please reach out to myself or any other member on the board.

Thank you for being a member of our association.

**Rob Bass**  
**President SCHSIA**  
rbass07@yahoo.com



## CONNECT WITH US ON FACEBOOK!

It's hard to believe that the St. Croix Hair Sheep International Assoc Facebook Page is now well into its 7th year! Though we are a closed group, we have over 840 members who regularly exchange pictures, stories, and information. It was originally established to be an efficient means of communication for our members. However, we've now expanded to admit anyone who owns or is otherwise enthusiastic about polled and white St. Croix Hair Sheep.

It's a great way to learn about upcoming Association events, as well as a network of support for new and established St. Croix farmers alike. If you haven't already, please consider joining us! Just type "SCHSIA" in the search bar at the top of the page. We'll be the first group in the list. We'd love to add you to our Facebook family!

# SAVE THE DATE

## 2022 ANNUAL MEETING

IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE TEXAS A&M SHEEP AND GOAT EXPO, YOUR ST. CROIX HAIR SHEEP INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION (SCHSIA) PRESENTS OUR ANNUAL MEETING!

**WHERE: SAN ANGELO, TEXAS**

**WHEN: AUGUST 19 AND 20, 2022**

### SHEEP AND GOAT FIELD DAY

8/19/22 8:30-11:30am

Texas Agrilife Research and Extension Center  
7887 us Highway 87N  
San Angelo, TX.

### SHEEP AND GOAT EXPO

8/19/22 12:00 -8:30pm  
8/20/22 7:00 – 1:00pm

First Community Spur Arena  
4722 Grape Creek Road  
San Angelo, TX

### SCHSIA ANNUAL MEETING

8/20/22 3:00 pm

Happy Hour and Beverages provided at 2:00pm

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TEXAS A&M  
AGRILIFE  
EXTENSION



# SCHSIA ANNUAL MEETING INFORMATION

## WHY COME TO THE ANNUAL MEETING?

### LOTS OF GREAT LECTURES AND SEMINARS ON ALL THINGS SHEEP!

Hair sheep are ideal in Texas and these learning opportunities will be presentation style and “hand’s on learning”. They are designed to meet the needs of a very diverse sheep industry. FIVE meals and snacks are included in you’re Texas A&M registration fee. No need to worry about where or what to eat, they have it covered!

*Cost: \$75.00 per person\*\*\*, Kids 12 and under are free!!*

\*\*\*Your SCHSIA Board will refund your FULL registration fee to Texas A&M if you register with BOTH SCHSIA as a member coming AND Texas A&M before July 20th. After July 20th, if you register with both entities, the SCHSIA Board will pay for \$25.00 off you’re Texas A&M fee. You MUST be present at the event AND a be member in good standing with SCHSIA on or before July 31, 2022 to claim any reimbursement.

### REGISTRATION:

Link to SCHSIA registration for member benefits: [www.stcroixhairsheep.org](http://www.stcroixhairsheep.org)  
(\$75.00 off registration if applicable, \$25.00 off registration if applicable)

**YOU MUST REGISTER ALL PARTICIPANTS IN YOUR PARTY WITH Texas A&M TO GO TO THE EXPO!!!**

Registration for Texas A&M, including information: [moreinfo@agrillife.org](mailto:moreinfo@agrillife.org)/[agrillifesheepandgoat/](http://agrillifesheepandgoat/)

Or Call: 325.653.4576

### TRAVEL:

#### FLY INTO:

- 1: Midland/Odessa, TX. (MAF)
- 2: San Angelo Regional Airport. (SJT) Only American airlines has flights.
3. Dallas, TX. (Love Field or DFW)

#### LOCAL DRIVE TIMES TO SAN ANGELO:

- 1: Midland is 2 hours away.
- 2: Dallas is 4 hours away.

### OTHER INFORMATION:

#### SCHSIA WELCOME BOOTH:

##### The Best Western North Bryant Inn

Thursday, August 18th 5:30-7:00 PM

Friday, August 19th 6:30 – 7:30 AM

### FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE SEE:

## ACCOMODATIONS:

[https://www.bestwestern.com/en\\_US/book/hotel-rooms.44771.html?groupId=S71MR2M2](https://www.bestwestern.com/en_US/book/hotel-rooms.44771.html?groupId=S71MR2M2)

Room block rates are \$104/King room. \$109/Double Queen room



Hotel Rooms

### **Best Western North Bryant Inn**

San Angelo, Texas, United States



[View Hotel Details](#)

CHECK-IN: **3:00 P.M. CST** CHECK-OUT: **11:00 A.M. CST**

1418 N Bryant Boulevard San Angelo, Texas 76903 United States

Toll Free Central Reservations (US & Canada Only) [1\(800\) 780-7234](tel:18007807234)

Hotel Direct Number [\(325\) 617-7990](tel:3256177990)

[Worldwide Numbers](#)

## CURRENT SCHSIA BOARD MEMEBERS

**PRESIDENT:** *Rob Bass, Just Right Ranch, Palestine, TX*

**VICE PRESIDENT:** *Travis Ellis, Ellis Sheep Company, Maysville, MO*

**TREASURER:** *Lydia Rodriguez, D & L RANCH, Stuart, OK*

**SECRETARY:** *Laurel Field, Three Sisters Livestock, Canby, OR*

**WESTERN DIRECTOR:** *Ed Barnes, Dorsey Lee St Croix, Portland, OR*

**SOUTH CENTRAL DIRECTOR:** *Keith Stephens, Anexso Farm, Linden, TX*

**NORTH CENTRAL DIRECTOR:** *Maggie Alcorn, Alcorn Farms, Simpsonville, KY*

**EASTERN DIRECTOR:** *Barbara Salisbury, Dominion Farm, Quicksburg, VA*

**AT LARGE DIRECTOR/PAST PRESIDENT:** *Kaleb Kahl, Kahl Farm, Bunker Hill, IL*

*Please reach out to the director in your area for questions, concerns and ideas!*



# GET TO KNOW YOUR BOARD MEMBERS



## TREASURER

**Lydia Rodriguez, D & L RANCH, Stuart, OK**

Hi, I am Lydia Rodriguez, and my husband is David Rodriguez. We are both retired. I served 43 years at TI (Texas Instruments), and David served 26 years at TI and 11 years at Raytheon. We lived in Dallas for 21 of those years, so after retirement we were both ready for a much calmer setting. In 2006 David bought some land in Oklahoma for hunting. A few years later we decided to build a barn which turned into a house barn where we now live. Our next door neighbor raises commercial hair sheep. We had not heard of hair sheep prior to meeting our neighbor, so our search begins for information on hair sheep breeds and that's how we came across the robustness of the St Croix. Being from the city and not knowing much about raising livestock we figured this was the breed we wanted to raise.

We prepared sections on our 80 acres for our first St Croix ewes, and as we continued searching for St Croix ewes we came across the SCHSIA (St Croix Hair Sheep International Association), 2019 annual meeting in Topeka KS was coming up, so we signed up. Thankfully we did, we met so many wonderful members and one of which happened to have some ewes for sale, so we purchased our first 3 ewes to start our flock.

Today we have 14 registered ewes, and 2 registered rams. Going on our 4 th year raising St Croix we did everything right selecting this breed of sheep and finding the SCHSIA group.

As SCHSIA Treasury, I am happy to serve and help how I can to preserve this breed. I hope to inspire others to become St Croix breeders as we were inspired. Thank you to all the members who gave me this opportunity to serve as SCHSIA Treasury.



## NORTH CENTRAL DIRECTOR

**Maggie Alcorn, Alcorn Farms, Simpsonville, KY**

I am a retired nurse, born and raised in Oklahoma City. I went to college at Vanderbilt and then to graduate school at University of Texas Austin.

I have three amazing children and one amazing step daughter. So you can say I have 4 amazing children. I am a pilot with a commercial multi engine rating. I love to fly. I have raised St Croix sheep for 4 years now. We moved to Simpsonville, KY last April and now have our sheep with us on 25 acres. I have been married to Gary Alcorn for 18 years now. He pretty much runs the farm and works the sheep. I tend to do what he tells me to do – Most of the time!

Our goal now that we live on the land with the sheep is to grow our herd. We currently have 9 ewes, 3 rams, and 1 wether. We lamb in the spring. We have learned a lot from Joyce and Gary Keibler who sold us our starter herd.



## EASTERN DIRECTOR

**Barbara Salisbury, Dominion Farm, Quicksburg, VA**

After 32 years working in the airline industry, a change was a comin.' Heading down Rt. 81 South, I left Corporate America in the rear view mirror and settled in the beautiful Shenandoah Valley. I never looked back. My small acreage is nestled among beef, dairy, and poultry farms. I am blessed with wonderful neighbors and friends, spectacular views, and the joy of raising St. Croix Hair Sheep.

One day, a neighbor called me to see if I would like to raise an orphaned llama. Well, I jumped right in and Lilly came to the farm only a few hours old. Fast forward six months later, and my Lilly was getting a bit too large to live in the kitchen! Lilly needed to live in a pasture but she needed companions. After lots of research, I chose St. Croix Hair Sheep. I purchased two ewes in Pennsylvania and a ram in Southern Virginia. Eight years later, my excitement with these sheep has not diminished. Every Spring, when the lambs are born, my joy is renewed.

As the new EC Director, my goal is to promote these amazing sheep throughout the East Coast and beyond. With that said, I will always be available to work with new shepherds just starting a flock, and others who are interested in improving their flock with St. Croix. Our Dominion Farm Blog will share great information and videos about our breed, along with our progress with the new barn and how we build-out our lambing jugs.

## 16 REASONS TO CHOOSE ST. CROIX HAIR SHEEP

1. Highest Parasite Resistance
2. No shearing
3. High Lambing Percentages
4. Good Mothers
5. Early Puberty
6. Lamb at 12 Months
7. High Lamb Survivability
8. Good Flocking Instincts
9. Good Milking Ability
10. Hoof Rot Resistant
11. Fly Strike Resistant
12. Non-Selective Grazers
13. Both Sexes Polled
14. Good Temperament
15. Heat and Cold Tolerant
16. Fine Grained Low Fat Meat





*Lesniak Farm*



*Deena Ferguson*



*Elizabeth Dretsch*



*Ellis Sheep Company*



*Three Sisters Livestock*

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TO BE FEATURED IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER!**



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