**Spring Sheep Shearing, Spinning Demonstrations**

**& Open House/Farm**

**What:** 3-Breed Sheep Shearing, Wool Spinning Demonstration, Amish Bake Sale

**Where:** Amish Bed & Breakfast & Farm ([/www.livingliketheamish.com/](http://www.livingliketheamish.com/))

13086 County Road 23Canton, MN 55922

Farm is located in the Canton/Harmony **Amish Community,** Fillmore County

\*\* Take US Hwy 52 to just east of Canton, turn north on Co Rd 23.

**When:** Saturday, March 29th, 2014

10:00 AM (Sheering will start at approximately @ 11:00 AM)

**Who:** Anyone interested in sheep, sheering, wool, fiber, spinning, etc.

Call **507-421-8429** to make reservations to attend this event or just stop by.

**Information:**

The Amish Country Bed & Breakfast farm and friends will have an open house during their spring sheep shearing day. Approximately 20 Purebred Shetland, 12 Icelandic-Gotland Cross and 9 Babydoll Southdown will be sheared. Direct raw wool/fleece and cleaned wool/rovings will be available for sale at the event. **Wool spinning demonstrations, Amish baked goods and lunch will be available at the event for $5.00. Bring the family – for a fun family event.**

**Shetland Sheep** are a heritage breed dating back a thousand years or more. They are famous first and foremost for their fine, soft, naturally colored wool that is very lightweight and warm. Shetland wool comes in one of the widest ranges of colors of any breed - from the purest white to the deepest coal black. There are 11 main colors and 30 markings. There wool is treasured by spinners and fiber artists from throughout the world.

**Babydoll Southdown Sheep** is a dual-purpose breed originating in the low country of England. Their wool is short, springy, and medium-fine and is prized by hand spinners. It is soft enough for wearing next to the skin and highly insulating. There are many nuances to the basic black and white, including 6 distinct shades of fleece that will be shorn at the event.

**Icelandic/Gotland** is a hybrid of two heritage Scandinavian breeds, from Iceland and a Swedish island respectively. The Icelandic have a dual fleece with different exterior and interior fibers and the Gotland is known for its lustrous, long, soft fibers of many shades of gray.

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