

Each year, the Maryland Sheep Breeders Association (MSBA) recognizes a member - individual or couple – for their distinguished work in the Maryland sheep industry; their unique contribution to the MSBA, and their dedication to volunteerism. It is with great pleasure that we name Liz Cavey, and her husband Gary, of Cavey Family Montadales, as our 2016 Shepherds of the Year.

Liz and Gary have been raising sheep for 40 years right here in our midst. Consistently dedicated from their start in 1976 to their chosen breed, the Montadale, their sheep journey started as a family undertaking –

- with 3 children participating in 4H;
- co-founding and actively supporting the Maryland Montadale Association, generously participating in lamb give-away to benefit 4Hers;
- promoting lamb at food booths,
- and beautifully celebrating the versatility of Montadale fiber through spinning, dying and producing and selling yarns and finished garments at numerous venues.

Liz Cavey has served a number of terms as an MSBA Director, and as MSBA Vice President in 2013-2014. She has chaired or co-chaired our Scholarship Committee for several years, working to reach out to broaden awareness of our Scholarship program and draw excellent candidates. Both on and off the Board, Liz has been a much appreciated voice of reason and common sense, of encouragement, of ideas and of integrity.

Always ready to step up - Liz and her husband Gary have helped out at the Wool Pool where Liz has been honing her wool classing skills and Gary has worked with the wool presses to get the wool baled. She has also assisted with wool classing and handling at the Shearing School.

She models the prized Maryland shepherd who

- embraces and celebrates the whole range of benefits sheep provide for us;

- who encourages young people;
- is always open to learning more;
- and is always ready and willing to share her wisdom, experience and insights

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*Lee Langstaff, President
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