

Blade Shearing Workshop with Kevin Ford

Thursday, April 30 – 12:30 pm to 4:30 pm

Friday, May 1 – 8:30 am to 4:30 pm

Rabbit Building

This workshop requires a fee and advance registration. Please use the form below.

Kevin Ford is a professional blade shearer. He first began to shear on a visit to his ancestral Ireland in 1975. In 1991 after achieving blade shearer certification from the New Zealand Wool Board, he sheared in the sheds of New Zealand's North Island. He now shears more than 5,000 sheep and goats each year from New England to the Carolinas. His book *Shearing Day* was published in 1999. This is a rare opportunity for the small flock owner to learn the basic techniques necessary for shearing with hand blades. Participants will learn to prepare blades and master basic positions. Attendees should wear comfortable work clothes and shoes. It is recommended that you bring water or other suitable drinks and snacks. Lunch may not be available on the grounds. Enrollment will be strictly limited. No walk-ins allowed. Class fee: \$100.



Photo of Kevin Ford using Blade Shears

Blade Shearing Workshop Registration Form

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Age _____ Breed of Sheep you raise _____

Registration Fee Must Be Included: \$100.

Make checks payable to: **Maryland Sheep & Wool Festival**

Mail to: David Delamater, 3835 Koogler Rd., Trappe, MD 21673

There will be a \$25 additional fee for any check returned for insufficient funds.