

# Roots and Wings St. Philip's Anglican Church

By Elizabeth Hill

Were you able to join us for our Saturday Morning talk on March 16? We had 43 people in attendance, and everyone was not only entertained, but learned more about sustainability in sheep farming, as well as wool and how it is processed.

We were so pleased to have Liz Johnston & Matt Fleugel of Waupoos Island Sheep, and Lesley Snyder of Rosehaven Yarn Shop as guest speakers at this joint presentation sponsored by St. Philip's and the County Sustainability Group. Liz led the



Sheep presentation and walked us through Waupoos Island Sheep's sustainability initiatives, from their sheep genetics, local food production, rotational grazing as well as grazing crop deposits (yup, you know what we are talking about), to wool as a "renewable"

resource. Liz also talked about how their sheep are used to clean up the grass and weeds around solar farms – which is not only great for feeding their sheep, but also reducing the carbon footprint of traditional cleanup methods around the solar panels. Liz and Matt entertained us with their stories of moving the sheep from the mainland to Waupoos Island and back again.

The presentation was well received, and the Question Period showed much interest. Waupoos Island Sheep can be found at <https://www.waupooslandsheep.com/>.

After a quick break, Lesley Snyder of Rosehaven Yarn Shop spoke to us about the different types of wools available in her shop, including passing around skeins as a bit of a show and tell. Lesley was

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