

202240127 Chat Links - Jane Cooper author talk - *The Lost Flock*

00:50:54 Margaret Briggs - MAFA: MAFA classes and lectures on Lessonface:
<https://www.lessonface.com/mafa>

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00:59:28 Berna Lowenstein: Does the suffix "ay" mean anything related to the islands?

00:59:54 charlotteswitzer: How can you have sheep on so many of the islands? Do you own the land or is this action allowed normally without ownership?

00:59:57 Katrina Branting: How easy is it to travel among the Orkney islands?

01:02:32 Janet: Thank you for sharing your story, Jane. I visited Mainland with my husband and children about 20 years ago and it was a wonderful experience. I was lucky enough to be able to bring some skeins of wool home - enough to make a sweater and a hat.

01:04:56 darlene lander: Are the wormers a liquid dose or injections?

01:11:42 Margaret Radcliffe: How long will the video be available? The usual 30 days on Lessonface? or longer?

01:12:30 Margaret Radcliffe: The suffix ay or ey means island.

01:13:08 Margaret Briggs - MAFA: Recording will be up on Lessonface for 30 days, then we may host it on the MAFA website longer.

01:20:28 Peggy Watts: Have you used the yarn for weaving ?

01:27:29 Leona Smith: Are the scarf and shawl patterns available?

01:28:12 Margaret Briggs - MAFA: <https://northernlace.co.uk/>

01:29:47 Margaret Briggs - MAFA:
<https://northernlace.co.uk/product/pdf-pattern-for-the-st-kilda-shawl-and-scarf-by-elizabet-h-lovick/>

01:30:33 Diane Psota: Do you have a group on Ravelry? Please what is the name?

01:33:29 claudiacocco: The landscape colors are amazing and inspirational!

01:34:25 Leona Smith: Is that dock weed seen in the photos? The weed I spend so much time trying to eradicate from my field?

01:34:56 Margaret Briggs - MAFA:

<https://www.ravelry.com/groups/blacker--beyond-with-ffsb>

01:35:09 Karen Wallace: Do you gather any of the fleece that falls off on its own in the fields?

01:37:27 kris: When do they usually roo?

01:38:23 carol w: Do you know if anyone is trying to reproduce the Viking sails? Also could you mention the sail that was found in the church?

01:42:55 Steve Henderson: what kind of fabric did early people use the boreray sheep wool for. was any used for tartan like fabric?

01:43:31 Bonnie Bacich: Where did the Vikings get red dye for their fabric?

01:56:50 Doreen: Are you able to dna test the lost flock to compare the genes with other primitives, original Orkney, Shetland, etc

02:03:56 Steve Henderson: What is the outer coat used for now? Rugs?

02:04:27 Jen M: How do you choose which animals go in your breeding groups? Is the aim to keep the genetic base diverse? Or are some groups selected for finer fleece?

02:05:42 Jen M: Has anyone considered cryopreserving embryos to capture their current genetics?

02:05:44 Karen Wallace: Many of us love to spin and use yarn from UK breeds, but there's a fairly recent local movement. Do you foresee the raising of Boreray and other rare UK breeds in suitable US or Canadian locations, or will our only option continue to be to order the roving and yarn from overseas?

02:05:57 Katrina Branting: How can we support her efforts, in addition to buying yarn?

02:06:27 charlotteswitzer: Thank you so much for this interesting journey to your islands and your sheep. I enjoyed it so much,

02:11:22 carol w: Really grateful for your work and to MAFA for bringing you to us

02:11:33 Margaret Radcliffe: Thank you so much for this fabulous presentation AND for the huge effort you have put into ensuring the future of The Lost Flock. I look forward to buying a fleece to try Orkney Boreray myself.

02:11:56 Steve Henderson: are there no wild sheep left on the original Boreray island where the others came from?

02:13:26 vickiemarchand: Marvelous presentation! Loved reading about your journey! Have bought and shared your book with other fiber friends.

02:14:01 Tina: Would there ever be a reason to cross breed the Boreay with another primitive sheep?

02:17:34 Alison Ginn: Very interesting presentation. Thank you.

02:18:01 Melissa Weaver Dunning: Thank you so much for your work to preserve this wonderful and fascinating breed, and for this program and your book.

02:20:03 Karen Wallace: Thank you! This was a wonderful presentation. Having read the book, I really enjoyed seeing more photos.

02:20:46 Gail Pilgrim: Do you welcome visitors to Orkney? (in summer!)

02:22:44 Steve Henderson: Maybe we could sponsor a sheep!

02:26:23 Jen M: Thanks so much for the wonderful talk!

02:26:34 kris: Fantastic presentation! Wish boreray fleeces were more readily available.

02:26:44 Catherine Kelley: Thank you so much for this extremely interesting talk!
02:26:46 Margaret Radcliffe: Please do put it on the MAFA video site for the future watching
02:26:50 Laura Wilson-Gentry: lovely presentation...
02:27:11 Cindy French: Thank you so much! Marvelous presentation and love the work you're doing.
02:27:23 Ellen M. Phelps: Thank you for this wonderful presentation! Learned so much

Here are some of the links from the book group discussion on January 23rd:

Long Thread Media podcast with Jane Cooper:

<https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/jane-cooper-the-lost-flock/id1508572777?i=1000635249460>

<https://www.blackeryarns.co.uk/>

<https://orkneyboreray.com/>

<https://woolsack.org/SingleFarmYarns>

[*The Fleece & Fiber Sourcebook*](#): Deborah Robson & Carol Ekarius

Here is an interesting link to a couple who farm the wild sheep on Auskerry island in the orkneys for 50 years now. Pretty good video showing their lifestyle and the sheep.

https://youtu.be/2vhyIR_Ctwg?si=rOpQlvCE1Sihb_gO

If you want to buy yarn from Jenny, here's her email: jeneinewool@gmail.com

Rare breed UK breeds fiber including Soay and Boreray: from Etsy.com WychwoodSpinner

<https://www.etsy.com/shop/WychwoodSpinner>