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## **A FESTIVAL WITH FIBER**

**Newport, OR** - The Newport Celtic Festival & Highland Games announces its collaboration with the *Yaquina Fiber Arts Guild* at this year's Celtic festival happening June 7, 8 & 9, 2013 at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds.

The Guild will set up a spinning circle in the indoor vendor hall where festival patrons can witness and learn how natural fibers weave their way from the shorn sheep, having the fleece spun into yarn, and then woven into woolly wearables.

Another festival first will include sheep herding demonstrations through the festival where Border Collies from Wolston Farm in Scio, Oregon will illustrate captivated onlookers how they wrangle the farm's "woolie buggers" back on the ranch.

Executive Director Belinda Goody said, "we sold out both our indoor and outdoor vendor spaces this year with an increase in both local small businesses participation and some value-added educational experiences for our patrons as well. We sought to include the connection between the sheep and creation of wool fiber arts because it is a long-standing tradition in Celtic, and many other cultures."

Another special addition will be the OSU Extension and Master Gardeners who will provide education on native and Celtic rooted flora during the festival as a part of their outreach programs.

The *Celtic Heritage Alliance* is proud to organize this event for its third year, and for the sponsors who make it all possible; Oregon Coast Magazine, Newport Signs, Chinook Winds Casino, Hallmark, CelticLife.com, Oregon Coast TODAY, Ultrasonic Events, NewsLincolnCount.com, Best Western Plus, Nana's Irish Pub, Bridie's Irish Faire, Bayview Construction, Jeffery Shirley.com, OregonCoastProductions.com and many more.

For tickets and additional information about the 2013 Newport Celtic Festival & Highland Games, please visit [www.newportcelticfestival.com](http://www.newportcelticfestival.com) or call 541-574-9366.

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Caption: Dr. Ian Caldicott poses with his Border Collie working dogs at *Wolston Farm*; Scio, OR.