



Eweniversity

a 501c3 non-profit

Winter 2022



There are few things more North Dakotan than being proud of our small farms and small businesses. And when you are two shepherds who see emails and letters scolding us for harming, torturing, and even killing sheep for their wool - well, you know that some education has to be done.

When you are the owner and operator of a Cottage Fiber Mill, and you know that small sheep farmers are waiting two or more years to see their wool processed into products that they need to sell to keep their farms alive - well, you know that industry growth has to happen.

When you are an expert in fiber arts and you see arts, skills, and useful trades being lost to history - well, you know that a community of knowledge and encouragement has to be built.

Welcome to the Eweniversity.



Brick by Brick.

You may not have realized that tucked into the folds of the Nome Schoolhouses for-profit business lies another passion and separate entity known as the Nome Eweniversity.

This non-profit, led by their amazingly talent Board of Directors, is the reason that the fiber retreats and classes led by outside instructors happen here at the schoolhouse.

But there is more for us to do than just lead a few classes! There is growth coming and we want you to be a part of it. Have you heard about our Fiber Flock and the education it can bring? We are in the thick of fundraising to renovate a barn, build a fence, and bring fiber animals onto the property to continue inspiring and educating our community about fiber agriculture, industry, and art. Turn to the enclosed slip to learn more about how you can be a physical part of this important, educational work.





The Report Card

A Winter 2022 Newsletter

NOME SCHOOLHOUSE

INN & EVENT CENTER

Welcome! And the Clock is Ticking!



Welcome to our first ever Nome update! We want to start off by saying we know that this is new and you may not have been expecting a mailing from us - but we wanted to include you in this endeavor!

Do you want to stay up to date on Nome events - food, events, specials, and fun? Do you want to be invited to our newest classes and retreats? Or maybe you want to hear how our non-profit is growing and bringing educational events to our community? (psst, here's a secret - the non-profit news is on the other side! A two for one special!)

If so, you need to **opt in for future mailings** by returning the enclosed slip and let us know **what you want to hear more about!** You will receive this mailing and one other before we only mail to those who have opted in to stay up to date on Nome news. We hope you'll be one of them.

Not a Textbook Business - No Time to Waste!

This newsletter is also a way for us to give back. **We want to share a little behind the scenes** look of the business side in order to encourage others who might be starting a crazy endeavor of their own.

We have a lot of people to thank for helping us get started. Time was given, encouragement spoken, dollars donated, and dollars loaned. **One of our biggest gifts, was not a gift at all - but something with an apr.** If you have watched our Ewetube videos, you have heard us talk about how it became impossible for us to secure a traditional loan for this not-very-traditional fiber and hotel business. This is when an individual stepped up in a big way and gave us a loan. This loan got the renovation started and **with a stipulation giving us a timeframe in which to secure a traditional business loan. Which we recently accomplished through Bank North! A big THANK YOU to them!**

We have found that starting and running a business is **rarely done according the "the book."** Doing business a little outside the box is a necessary thing.

Brick by Brick. How your generosity can leave a permanent legacy.

Small Farms. Small Business. History. Hard Work. Craftsmanship. **What could be more North Dakotan than that?** Together, we can guide the future of fiber art, industry, and agriculture.

Gifts of \$500 or more will be honored by sponsoring a brick on our newest brick wall. Your generosity can encourage this community by showing your name, a group, or honoring another in the Nome Schoolhouse dining room. **Date all Checks for Feb 9 for your gift to be matched!**

- ☐ **My Brick Naming gift of \$500 or _____ is enclosed.**
- To further discuss naming, call me at _____
- ☐ **My Generous \$30 Gift is enclosed** - NEW in 2023! A Youth Education Program is in the works to guide groups from schools, 4H, FLA, FFA, and more for a hands on learning experience.
- ☐ **My generous gift of \$_____ is enclosed** - All donations will help our mission of promoting agriculture, industry, art, and community in our region of North Dakota.

Giving Hearts Day - February 9, 2023. Making a larger impact.

Your generosity through Giving Hearts Day makes a larger impact as we are joining together with friends of Nome Eweniversity to raise a Match for Giving Hearts Day gifts.

Giving Via Credit Card - You can go online NOW and schedule your gift for February 9th at www.GivingHeartsDay.org. Or call me, Kristin, at 701-850-9157 and I can help.

Giving Via Check - You can mail a check to Nome Eweniversity and date it for February 9, 2023. You can write "Giving Hearts Day" in the memo. All checks must be received before on on February 9th to count towards our Giving Hearts Day match.

Gifts up to \$7,000 will be MATCHED
by friends of the Eweniversity!

