Performers appearing at the 2022 Sheepshearing Festival include:

**Blacksmith Dean Rantz** of [Rock Village Forge](#) has been demonstrating for some 20 years at our Festival. He has also done some wonderful custom work for the Gore Mansion, including a custom-made handrail for our cellar stairs.

Photo: Eric Workman | TMP Images

**The Commonwealth Morrismen** have been entertaining our Festival-goers for more than 20 years! They bring with them several other "sides" of Morris dancers so everyone can join the dance!

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**Andy Rice** has been shearing sheep at our Festival for more than 25 years! Andy will be sharing his vast knowledge of sheep all morning. He will be one of three shearers featured this year.

Photo: Bruce Allen
**Lindsay and Her Puppet Pals** are a family favorite! They have performed at many of our Sheeshearing and Fall Festivals and always delight the crowd. They will be in the performance tent along with Circus Smirkus. Photo courtesy Lindsay Aucella.

Founded in 1974, **Colonel Bailey's 2nd Mass Regiment** offers a first-hand experience of the American Revolutionary War period (1775 - 1783). They have been favorites of the Festival for almost 20 years! Photo: Gore Place Society

For more than 20 years, **Dave Kennard of Wellscroft Farm** and his border collies have wowed audiences with demonstrations of how these talented animals control and move flocks of sheep. Their demonstrations are a "must-see" at our Festival! Photo: Eric Workman | TMP Images

The **1812 Marine Guard** teaches about the early years of the US Marine Corps and the War of 1812 and musters for demonstrations aboard the USS Constitution. They have participated in many Gore Place Sheepshearing Festivals in the past and will be returning on April 23 at the 35th annual Festival. Photo: Eric Workman | TMP Images
Spinner Zoe Lawson has been demonstrating at our Festival for several years. We're thrilled that she will be returning this April. She also demonstrates at our Handmade for the Holidays craft fair in the fall.
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For almost 60 years, the Sudbury Ancient Fyfe & Drum Companie has been playing music from the Colonial period. Six members of the group will perform throughout the Festival on April 23. The perfect soundtrack for the Festival! Photo courtesy Sudbury Ancient Fyfe & Drum Companie.

Cathie Hatrick-Anderson of Bobcat Farm in Upton, MA has a lifetime of experience training horses. Come watch Cathie put her horses through their paces at the 35th Annual Sheepshearing Festival at Gore Place on Saturday, April 23! Photo courtesy Bobcat Farm.
Larry Leonard does tinsmithing as it would have been done in the 18th century. His demonstrations are calm and deliberate. Watching him work is a great way to slow down and may inspire you to take up the craft!

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200 years ago, the work of pulling wagons, plowing, and hauling was done by teams of oxen. Watch a team of oxen from New England Oxen Supply go through their paces at our annual Festival this April. Photo courtesy New England Oxen Supply.

Beth Guertin of A Place to Weave has been weaving since she was a kid and has been teaching others to weave all her adult life. Beth will have several looms set up in the Activity Tent where kids and adults can try their hand at weaving.

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For many years now, the talented performers of Circus Smirkus have entertained the crowds and educated kids on circus arts. Circus Smirkus will return to the Festival this year, sharing the Performance Tent with Lindsay and Her Puppet Pals.

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Mother and son combo Ruth Rappaport and Ben Wetherbee have performed for our concert series and at several of our Corn Roasts. This will be their first time playing for the crowds at the Sheepshearing Festival and they are fired up about it! They will share the stage with the A&W Ukulele Players and family performer Lenka. They may even bring a few friends to play! Photo courtesy Ruth Rappaport.

Lenka Zbruz will have your family singing along to folk tunes and children's songs in no time, making sure her audience walks away with a smile on their face, a song on their lips, and an extra swing in their step! Photo courtesy Lenka Zbruz.

The A&W Ukulele Players are a group of ukulele enthusiasts brought together by their love of the ukulele and old-time music. Be ready to sing along with this large and happy group! Photo courtesy A&W Ukulele Players.