



*“To gather, celebrate, present, and preserve the history and cultures of sheepherding in Idaho and the West”*

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**Attached Photo:** Existing Sculptures in Hagerman, Idaho, that will be replicated for this project

## **HONOR SHEEP RANCHING HERITAGE BY SUPPORTING THE GOOD SHEPHERD MONUMENT**

Plans are underway for The Trailing of the Sheep Festival’s new permanent monument which honors the sheep industry, ranchers, herders and their 150+ years of history in the Wood River Valley and Idaho. The Festival’s Board of Directors plans to unveil and dedicate *The Good Shepherd* monument in Hailey, Idaho, on Saturday, October 9 during the Festival’s milestone 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event, October 6-10, 2021. The monument will be installed on the landscape strip at Roberta McKercher Park facing Highway 75 in Hailey.

The monument, by sculptor Danny D. Edwards of Danny Edwards Bronzes, will consist of eleven life-sized bronze sculptures featuring eight sheep, a shepherd, horse, and a dog. “We have dreamed of bringing something like this to the community for many years,” said John Peavey, Festival Co-Founder and Board President. “This unique tribute is made possible, in part, due to a generous gift from the Estate of Patricia Lane,” shared Peavey. “But the majority of the monument costs will be covered through fundraising efforts that are currently underway, including engraved pavers and sponsorships, so we encourage all those who love sheep to contribute to this lasting legacy.”

The monument pavers, which are engraved with the donor’s personalized text, range in price from \$125 to \$1500, depending on size. The first round of pavers, to be installed for the monument unveiling this year, need to be ordered by May 31, 2021. Monument sponsorships for individuals and businesses are available at levels from \$2,500 to \$10,000, although gifts of any amount are welcome. The Trailing of the Sheep Cultural Heritage Center, Inc. is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization.

For more details and information on how to contribute to *The Good Shepherd* monument, go to [www.trailingofthesheep.org/monument](http://www.trailingofthesheep.org/monument)

### ***More About the Festival***

*The Trailing of the Sheep Festival will celebrate its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary year, October 6–10, 2021, in the picturesque Wood River Valley of Idaho. Each fall, the popular Festival celebrates the 150+ year tradition of moving sheep (‘trailing’) from high mountain summer pastures down through the Valley to traditional winter grazing and lambing areas in the south. This annual migration is Idaho living history and a family-friendly festival (with estimated attendance of 25,000 people) that highlights the people, arts, cultures, and traditions of sheep ranching in Idaho and the West.*