



GALA CONFERENCE 2016

OCTOBER 27-30, 2016



LODGING

“Year of the Camelid”, the 2016 annual Conference of the Greater Appalachian Llama and Alpaca Association, will be held at the Inn at Reading in Wyomissing, Pennsylvania. The Inn at Reading, featuring classic colonial charm, is located in the Reading/Berks County area of Pennsylvania approximately one hour northwest of Philadelphia. Attractions located within a short distance are the Berkshire Mall, the VF Outlet Center, and the Reading Public Museum and Sovereign Center.

The Inn at Reading has reserved a block of rooms for us at \$95 plus 11% Tax. State you are with GALA when you make your reservations. Reservations must be made by 9/28/2016 to take advantage of this special rate. Check in time is after 3 pm and check out is 11 am.

Breakfast is included in the Group Room Rate on Monday to Friday Morning. Weekend breakfast rates are: Saturday Breakfast Buffet is just \$9.25; and Sunday Breakfast Buffet is \$10.95.

For reservations call the Main Number to Inn at Reading:
1-610- 372-7811 - ask for the Group Reservations Desk.

INN AT READING

The Inn at Reading is located in Wyomissing, Pennsylvania on 1040 North Park Road. The Inn has 170 guest rooms, each equipped with pillowtop beds and premium bedding, coffee/tea makers, hair dryers, free WiFi in rooms and public spaces, designer toiletries, iron/ironing board, weekday newspapers, connecting rooms available, and 32” TV with premium channels. The Inn also offers dry cleaning/laundry service, 24 hour business center, fitness facilities, and free RV, bus and truck parking. The Inn is pet friendly for cats or dogs up to 25 pounds, and pet friendly rooms have hardwood floors. The Inn houses the Publick House Restaurant and Tavern that provides a relaxing setting for meeting new friends or reaffirming old friendships. Tavern guests are welcome to enjoy the extensive selection of Draft and Bottle Beers, a broad choice of Domestic and Imported Wines or numerous Spirits and Cocktails. Guests may linger in the Tavern to enjoy the many televisions, play billiards or surf the web using high speed internet.

LODGING REGISTRATION

Lodging Registration must be done at the main registration desk of the Inn at Reading. There is a separate entrance for the hotel registration. Go to the right as you enter the parking lot. There is a roofed area in front of the hotel registration entrance. NOT the banquet entrance that faces you when you first come in the parking lot.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

Early registration deadline is September 22. Conference registration will take place just inside the Banquet Hall entrance starting at 3:00 p.m. Thursday evening. Enter at the hotel lobby and get your room first. Then follow signs for the banquet entrance. If you will not be arriving Thursday evening, please consult the conference schedule for other full and partial package registration times so you will not miss them. If you do find yourself arriving at a time when the registration table is not open, please locate a member of the conference committee and they will assist you. You will need to be registered with Name Tags to attend meals and workshop sessions.

GALA MEMBERSHIP DUES

If you have overlooked paying your annual dues, now is the time. GALA dues are \$40.00 per year or \$500.00 for Lifetime Membership. The year runs from January 1 to December 31. Please include payment with your registration form. New and renewed memberships are good through December 2017.

TRANSPORTATION/DIRECTIONS

Driving to Reading from the PA Turnpike: take the Morgantown exit onto Interstate 176 north, which dead ends onto 422 west. Follow 422 through Reading until it joins up with 222 west at 12. This is a complex interchange and you will want the exit immediately after it onto Papermill Road. At the light turn right onto Berkshire Blvd., then a block later another right onto Crossings Road at another light. Go one block to dead end; turn left on Spring Rd. to the light at Park; left again and the hotel is on the left. Park Road dead ends here so you can't miss the hotel.

If you are coming in from the west on 422, the exit is for Crossings Road/Spring Street which brings you out onto Crossings Road, turn right and follow directions above to hotel.

From I-78 take the Hamburg exit onto 61 South. This is a bit of a drive down to Reading, where you will get onto 222 west. Take this around the city past the airport to the 422/222/12 interchange. Follow instructions for the PA Turnpike from the Papermill Road exit.

Flights into Reading are few, so if you can't make connections, Harrisburg, Philadelphia or Allentown/Bethlehem/Easton airports are options. Limo services: J&J Limos 1-800-726-5466 is out of Allentown. Andrews Transportation 800-882-0866 is out of Reading.



NAME TAGS

Your name tag will be issued upon registration. Please list your name and farm name on the registration form as you wish it to appear on your name tag. As always, **YOUR NAME TAG WILL BE YOUR ADMITTANCE TO WORKSHOPS AND MEALS.** Please make sure you wear them during the conference. Also, make sure to introduce yourself to first time conference attendees and other GALA members you have not met.

CONFERENCE MEALS

Your conference committee has been hard at work testing out the menu of the Inn at Reading. Please make sure you have your Name Tags on for all meals. Buffet and sit down style meals have been planned for your enjoyment. *A vegetarian or gluten free cuisine will be provided upon request; make sure you check the appropriate place on the registration form.*

VENDOR SPACE

Vendors will be located in the Banquet Hall which will be locked each night for security. The Keynote speeches, most meals and Saturday nights fundraising will take place in this area allowing for high visibility of your products.

Each vendor space of 80 to 100 square feet will cost \$100.00. Each vendor will be supplied with 1 table and 2 chairs.

Electricity will be provided for your vendor space at no charge if you bring your own extension cord. Cost of extension cord is \$10.00 each. Vendor set up begins at 1:00 pm on Thursday, October 29. Vendors must be set up by 11 pm on Thursday and may begin break down after lunch on Sunday.

VENDOR MEALS PACKAGE

A meals package only is available for \$175.00 per person and includes the following: Icebreaker, Friday and Saturday lunch; Friday and Saturday dinner, Sunday Brunch, and all scheduled breaks. For vendors not purchasing a registration package or a meals package, there will be a limited number of extra meal tickets available for individual meals. Please inquire when you check in at the registration table. The Publick House and Tavern is also open for meals.

FARM BANNERS

Farm Banners are welcome and will be hung by the Inn on a first come first serve basis where space allows. Be sure to drop off your banners at the registration desk when you arrive. Also do not forget to pick up your banner on Sunday morning.

FARM AND PRODUCT DISPLAYS

Farm and Product Displays are an excellent way to advertise your farm or products. A 6' X 18" deep table will be provided for each display. Electricity will be available for no additional charge but spaces with electrical capability are limited. Please mark on the registration form that you require electricity. Please also bring your own extension cord. Display space will be available on a first come first serve basis. Set up is 3:00 pm. Each 6' X 18" display space is \$60.00.

ANIMAL TENT

The llamas that will be housed under a tent outside the workshop area will be for demonstration purposes. Please note: do not bring animals unless you have been contacted by a conference chair to bring specific animals for demonstration.

FUNDRAISING DONATIONS

Each year, GALA conferences continue to hold very successful fundraisers. GALA has become a major financial contributor to camelid research. The success of each year's conference fundraising depends wholly on the generosity of the membership. We hope you will continue to support this endeavor by again donating an item or items for the various fundraiser. Each year fundraisers include silent auctions, live auctions, jar raffles, and a 50/50 drawing. For those looking for donation ideas consider: books, videos, halters and leads, llama related clothing, blankets, puzzles, theme baskets, services, fiber processing equipment, quilts, jewelry, handmade items from fiber, wood or glass. Items do not have to be llama specific.

If you do not have an item to give, a cash donation can be made by check, payable to Conference 2016 Research.

To help us keep track of donations being made, please complete the fundraising section of the registration form.

**If you are unable to bring your donation(s) to the conference, please mail them by October 17th to:
Carol Reigh, 409 Buck Hollow Road, Birdsboro, PA 19508**

PRE-PURCHASE ITEMS:

'YEAR OF THE CAMELID' TEE SHIRT

Remember your conference experience this year with a burgundy "Year of the Camelid" logo tee shirt.  Sizes are S, M, L, XL, 2X, 3X, 4X, & 5X. Tee shirts must be preordered on your registration form.

ADDITIONAL YEAR OF THE CAMELID NOTEBOOKS

Additional "Year of the Camelid" Conference Notebooks will be available for purchased for \$25.00 each. These notebooks make great gifts for your veterinarian. If you order additional notebooks make sure you are present to pick them up or have another attendee pick them up for you, as notebooks will not be shipped.

GALA CALENDAR

The GALA Photo Calendar is now in its fifth year! Be a contributor to the 2017 Calendar. Up to five photos per GALA Member Farm may be submitted. Deadline: 9/15/2016. For additional information go to the GALA web site or see ad on page 8 of the August 2016 GALA Newsletter.

**Send photos to GALACalendarPhotos@hotmail.com.
Calendars must be preordered on your registration form at \$15.00 each.**

CENTERPIECE CONTEST



Conference Fiber Room Contest! Make your own centerpiece! Two Requirements: 1. No bigger than 12 inches in diameter 2. Has to be camelid related. Any materials are acceptable—fiber, clay, wood, etc. Centerpieces will be used on tables Saturday night and auctioned off in the fundraising auction. Bring them to Fiber Room for display. See page 12 of the August GALA newsletter for more information.

GALA PHOTO CONTEST

Enter the GALA Photo Contest! Contest Categories Include: Altered Image, At Work, Black & White, Comedy, Crias, Full Body, General, Interacting with People, and Portrait. Photographer must be an amateur and a GALA member. An entry fee of \$7.00 per photo (checks payable to GALA) must be included with your entries. Additional information about the photo contest guidelines can be found on the GALA website at www.galaonline.org or on page 21 in the August 2016 issue of the GALA Newsletter.

Send envelope/package marked Handle with care to:
GALA PHOTO CONTEST
c/o Bob Wolfe
Spruce Lane Llamas, 31 Wagner Road
Stockton, New Jersey 08559

Please send in your photos by October 13, 2016.

CONFERENCE NOTEBOOK ADVERTISING

Full Page Tab Ad	\$ 115.00
Full Page Ad	\$ 85.00
Half Page Ad	\$ 45.00
Quarter Page Ad	\$ 30.00
Business Card Ad	\$ 18.00

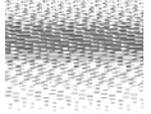
Please mail advertising form included in Registration packet. Email your Ad in PDF format to Katrina Capasso at llamawhisp@aol.com by September 1, 2016.

ICE BREAKER & MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT

The Ice Breaker on Thursday evening serves as an informal and fun way to meet and greet others. For newcomers the ice breaker is a way to meet your fellow GALA members; and for previous conference attendees it serves as a way to renew friendships and welcome new people to GALA activities. A light fare along with a cash bar will be provided. Following the icebreaker will be musical entertainment by the *Camelid Crooners* sponsored by Marian Bragg.

YARD SALE

WHAT IS THIS? Primarily farm and fiber equipment GALA members are ready to pass on at yard sale prices. This is a great opportunity to pick up a necessity at a bargain price! No clothing, jewelry or books! We don't want to compete with fundraising activities! If in doubt, please call me (Tabbethia Haubold Magee) on my cell 631-680-6721.



HOW WILL THIS WORK? To participate, a GALA member signs up for Yard Sale, listing items to be sold. This requires a \$10 donation to GALA to sign up and the \$10 allows the member to bring up to 3 items or 3 "lots" (a "lot" being a group of items to be sold together.) You have a sign up sheet here and an envelope for the \$10. If it's a check, make payable to GALA.

The Yard Sale will have two methods. Participant may choose which she/he would prefer. One option is standard yard sale – item(s) are on the table, seller stands there and accepts or rejects offers. Offers may be cash or swap. Second option is a mini auction, during which seller has 2 or 3 minutes (depending on number of folks participating) to present item and accept bids. In all cases, seller may accept or reject offers. If seller does not accept any offers, seller must take items back home.

WHEN WILL THIS TAKE PLACE? Sunday morning first thing in the Chamberlain Room. We are planning to keep the items secret (although we may hint at some over the course of the Conference to increase interest.) Sellers need to keep their items in their rooms or vehicles until Sunday morning (or possibly an earlier time will be announced.) Tabbethia will be in the Chamberlain room from 7:30am on Sunday to receive items. OR, seller may contact Tabbethia on her cell at 631-680-6721 to arrange to meet at the Chamberlain room.

SPONSORSHIP

Each year the annual conference is made possible through the generosity of members and the lama related organizations they do business with. Please consider becoming a sponsor. Each donation, either big or small contributes to making the yearly conference a success.

Sponsorship Levels include:

Camelidae Level	\$1000.00 or more
Camel Level	\$ 500.00
Llama Level	\$ 250.00
Guanaco Level	\$ 150.00
Alpaca Level	\$ 50.00
Vicuña Level	\$ 25.00

For information on sponsorship level perks, consult the GALA website at www.galaonline.org or page 24 of the August 2016 GALA Newsletter.



GAYLE GARRISON FIBER ROOM

The Fiber Room will be open during the conference for all to visit. Participate in some of the workshops offered and learn the art of Portugese knitting, wet felting, making art yarn, weaving with lama fiber, soumak weaving, or dyeing fibers. *Make and Take* sessions include both wet and needle felting, kumihimo, locker hooking, and making a lead rope. Some programs have a limit on participants.



Get together with friends and make a centerpiece for the Fiber Room contest! They will be used to decorate the tables for the Saturday night dinner and auctioned as a fundraiser! Only two Requirements: 1. No bigger than 12 inches in diameter 2. Has to be camelid related. Any materials are acceptable—fiber,

clay, wood, etc. Stop by and see all the centerpieces to choose your favorite to bid on in the auction!

ILR SHORN FLEECE SHOW & SALE

October 27-30, 2016

Held @ 2016 GALA Conference in Wyomissing, Pa.

SHORN FLEECES ONLY First Fleece Show & Sale to be held in conjunction with the Conference!

Judge: Niki Kuklenski Show Superintendent: Josh Meador

Fleece Classes to be offered:

1. Single Coat with Crimp
2. Single Coat without Crimp
3. Double Coat
4. Suri

(Age divisions may be separated at time of show, depending on number of entries)

Please enter our show by mailing your entry form (included in this package) and check (made payable to GALA Fleece Show) by **October 18, 2016** to:

**Josh Meador,
1326 Lost Mt. Rd, Wirtz, VA 24184**

Entry fees are \$23/ fleece. If you want your fleeced returned by mail, please include \$5/ fleece and a return label or pick it up at teh conference! Each fleece should be in a clear plastic bag with a picture of the animal, the ILR, and a fleece entry tag available for download at www.galaonline.org

Bring your fleeces to the conference; all entries must be turned into to Josh Meador by 6 p.m. on Thursday, October 27, 2016. If you can not bring them, mail fleeces to be received by Oct. 22 to Carol Reigh, 409 Buck Hollow Rd. Birdsboro, PA 19508.

For any questions or information contact: Josh Meador (540.488.5309) Josh.meador01@gmail.com
See page 9 of the August GALA newsletter.

ANNUAL MEETING & SIT AND SPIN (OR KNIT, CROCHET, WHATEVER!)

The GALA annual meeting will be held Friday night from 7:00-8:30. This is your chance to catch up with what is happening with your organization! The meeting will be followed by the oportunity to knit, crochet, or spin or just sit and socialize (bring a bottle of wine to share!)

SATURDAY NIGHT MASQUERADE

Join in the fun at the Saturday Night Masquerade! We will be howling in Halloween with GALA members dressed to scare, fool, delight and amaze!

Prizes will be given in a variety of categories including but not limited to:

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| best animal | funniest | cutest |
| best rock star | scariest | most original |
| most colorful | best superhero | best in show |



For more info, contact galamasquerade@gmail.com

See page 28 of the August newsletter

ROAD TRIP!!!!!!

FIELD TRIP TO EBY TRAILER & AAA FARM SUPPLY

Ever watch the show "How Things are Made"? Here is a chance to get a real tour of how Eby trailers are made and what makes them so great! A once-in-a-lifetime happening! After the tour we will be stopping at another GALA sponsor, AAA Farm Supply, which has super prices on medicines, lead ropes, Tingley boots, shovels, rakes and all kinds of supplies. Both Eby and AAA have been loyal supporters of GALA. **Pre register on the registration form** if you are planning on going and also if you are willing to drive. We will be taking a caravan of vehicles.



GALA 2016 CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Note: Please make sure you consult the Program listed in the Conference Notebook you receive at registration as programming might have changed slightly since this packet was published.

THURSDAY

- 1:00** Animal set up begins/Vendor set up begins
3:00-7:00 Conference Registration
5:00-7:00 Dinner on your own (5:30 dinner BOD meeting)
7:15-8:30 Ice Breaker (greet old friends and make new ones)
8:30-? Entertainment by the Camelid Crooners sponsored by Marian Bragg.

FRIDAY

- 7:00-8:00** Breakfast Buffet
7:00-7:55 Conference Registration
8:00-9:20 Welcome and Keynote: Stan Ebel
40 Years Later: Llamas haven't Changed, the World has.

9:30-10:40 Session 1

Llama Psychology: Behavior and Instinct in the Prey Animal (Repeat) John Mallon

Learn all about Camelid behavior and instincts and how they relate to training.

Gastrointestinal Parasites

Dr. Pam Walker

Gastrointestinal Parasites can be a fatal problem in camelids if not monitored on a regular basis. Dr. Walker will present recommendations that can be utilized in any size herd to routinely evaluate the herd and individuals for parasites. This will include a chart on the most commonly used medications to target deworm individuals as needed.

Creating the "Voice" of Your Farm

Bev Vienckowski

Dream out loud! What type of farm/farmer do you aspire to be? In this presentation Bev will share her experiences, strategies, struggles, and outcomes in creating Second Wind Llama Adventures and her path to building a relationship with the Veterans Administration.

Trailer Maintenance and Am I Legal

Darryl Breniser and Dan Trout

Learn what you need to keep your trailer in working condition and if you are legal when driving. Plenty of time for questions. Learn about what makes Eby trailers so special.

Wet Felting

Make and Take

Donna Markey

Felting is the ancient process of creating fabrics, for function and art, in natural animal fibers. Using an assortment of natural fibers we will "paint and create with fiber" as you learn the basic techniques of wet felting. We will use our hands, water, soap and agitation to create a "fiber painted" small wall hanging or garden flag. Take your finished piece from this session to the needle felting session, and you can further embellish it and learn dry felting techniques. **Limit 10.**

10:40-11:00 Light Break and Shopping

11:00-12:10 Session 2

Farm Insurance, Am I covered?

Phil Baker

Phil will have a discussion on how liability issues effect operating a hobby and professional farm operation, including drone related liability. You covered for a parade or a birthday party? There will be plenty of time for questions.

Taking the Mystery Out of Hay Quality

Donna Foulk

Hay is a very important component of the diet of all grazing animals. Hay can vary greatly in nutritional value, and it is important to learn to be a good judge of the quality of different types and cuttings of hay. This workshop will cover the types of forages used for hay and the factors affecting hay quality and nutrition. Participants will have the opportunity to examine samples of hay, to practice identifying hay types and estimating nutritional value.

Fiber Study

Anne Choi

Examine the physical differences between sheep/goat/camelid/silk fibers and how those differences affect the dye absorption. The participants will have the opportunity to dye small samples of the different fibers. **Limit 8**

Showmanship

Tabbethia Haubold-Magee

Are you new to showing? Looking to improve your showmanship skills? Or want to find out how showmanship can help you outside the showing? Join three time ALSA national showmanship champion, Tabbethia Haubold-Magee, to learn 10 tips that will put you at the top of your showmanship class

Obstacle Training your Camelid (Repeat)

Mike Sheridan

Come learn the simple progressive steps that I use for training llamas to follow my basic commands.

12:15-1:45 Lunch (Those going to Eby Trailer and AAA Farm Supply eat first)

12:45-5:30 Field trip to Eby leaves on time!

Cars should be lined up by 12:35. Go behind the scenes and see how this premier trailer is manufactured. After the tour, we will stop at AAA Farm Supply with great prices on everything from Dectomax to barn boots to feed dishes to slicker brushes. Both Eby and AAA have been Sponsors of GALA for many years.



Friday continued

1:45-2:55 Session 3

Nutrition Overview: Forages, Feed, Minerals and Other Supplements.

Dr. Van Saun

We have come a long way in better understanding appropriate feeding practices for llamas, but many questions remain. This presentation will provide a basic perspective on proper feeding management starting with understanding forage quality and how and why to supplement various other nutrition items available.

Llama Fiber; Unknown Now, But Not Much Longer (Repeat)
Stan Ebel

Learn all about the aspects of llama fiber (performance, sustainability, ethic) that have the fiber poised to be discovered and in demand. It is not only the year of the camelid, it is the year of the llama fiber!!

The Llama Fiber Cooperative of North America

Kathryn Gwyn

Kathryn will give a short history on the Cooperative and discuss why every llama owner should be taking advantage of this wonderful opportunity to make good use out of their fiber. Learn how easy it is to be a member and the “perks” of membership.

Portuguese Knitting

Tammy Orischak

During this workshop, you will be shown the method of Portuguese Knitting, You will learn the knit, purl and rib stitches. The rest of the allotted time will be practicing what you have learn. This is a beginner’s workshop for this technique. You will not be taking home a finished project. You should be familiar with knitting and how to cast on. You will need to bring needles and yarn that you are comfortable knitting with. Handmade, decorative, magnetic Portuguese Knitting pins will be available for purchase. Workshop will be **limited to 10 people**.

Intro to the Round Pen and Cooperative Haltering (Repeat)

John Mallon

Learn how to use a round pen while training and teaching your lama to accept the halter.

2:55-3:15 Break and Shopping

3:15-4:30 Session 4

Dealing with Under- and Over-conditioned Lamas (Repeat)
Prevention and management protocols.

Dr. Van Saun

One of the most frequently asked questions on llama nutrition relates to management of animal with inappropriate body weight. This presentation will provide some practical guidance on feeding management and preventive practices in dealing with the llama that is underweight or overweight.

The Camelid Medicine Chest

Dr. Pamela Walker

What is important and who should I listen to? There are so many medications available both by prescription and over the counter; it is easy to become lost in information overload. Dr. Walker will present the do’s and don’ts on the most commonly used medications in Camelids. Much better than “dr. google”.

What the International Llama Registry has to Offer

Debi Garvin

The ILR is so much more than just a registry; it is the lifeblood of the industry. Come learn how to utilize the ILR data base and also what you can do to make the registry more accurate. Deb will also give an update on the ILR.

Portable Projects...Learn Kumihimo Braiding (Repeat)

Make and Take

Tina Stillhorn

Learn the ancient art of Japanese braiding using a Kumihimo disc. Tina will teach the basics and experiment with adding beads. Simple to learn, very addictive! Bust out your yarn stash and bring some yarn to try. Kits available for Sale.

Leading on a Slack Lead (Repeat)

John Mallon

Teach your lama to lead on a loose lead, follow verbal and hand and foot cues.

4:30-5:30 Shop and Relax

5:30-6:45 Dinner

7:00-8:30 GALA Annual Meeting

8:30-? Knitting & crocheting, spinning or just chatting
(Bring a bottle of wine to share)

SATURDAY

7:00-8:00 Breakfast on your own

7:30-7:55 Partial Package Registration

8:00-9:10 Welcome and Keynote: Darrell Anderson

“The Llama Industry — Where have we come from...Where are we at...and Where are we going”

9:30-10:45 Session 1

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John Mallon

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Common Medical Issues In Camelids

Dr. Pam Walker

Although camelids are a pretty hardy group, there are some specific problems that can occur. This presentation will cover these problems; how they present, treatment and possible outcomes.

Saturday continued

Fecal Analysis and Factors in Parasite Management

Ann Bodnyk

This presentation will help convince the owner / herd manager that “one size does not fit all” in parasite management – individual animals differ in their resistance/susceptibility to parasites and environmental and seasonal factors play a part. Using fecal analysis to id those needing (and not) deworming. An overview of a recommended fecal analysis protocol for lamas will be described. Photos of parasite eggs/oocysts and videos of live larvae.

Art Yarn Preparation

Anne Choi

Explore ways of blending inclusions such as silk noils and whole locks to create textured rolags. Anne will demonstrate various art yarn spinning techniques and experienced spinners are welcome to bring their wheels. **Class size limited to 10**

Packing 101

Stan Ebel

Come learn the very basics of packing: choosing a pack animal, what makes a good pack, how to put the pack on and have a correct and comfortable fit for the animal. Many years of experience packing has taught Stan many tricks of the trade to share.

10:45

Break and Shopping

11:00-12:15

Session 2

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A Discussion on Care for Your Animals After You Die

Karen O'Neill - Facilitator

Although this is not a pleasant topic it is a necessity. We will share plans that people have made to care for their animals. We hope to have an attorney present to shed some light on what needs to be done and how to make it official. Come learn and share.

Fireside Chat with John Mallon (minus the fire)

This is your time to relax with John and ask questions pertaining to your situation. Laid back, low key and informative.

Introduction to Weaving using Camelid Fiber (part 1)

Tom Knisely

My goal is to show that llama fiber is soft and warm and has qualities that can compete with any of the other camelid yarns. Come learn the basics of how to start weaving. Tom will be weaving a scarf of llama yarns and invites anyone to come by and try his or her hand at weaving. This is a double session.

“I Love to do Toenails and Shear“

Bonnie Henrich

Come learn some magic from Bonnie on how to hand shear and some tips to help you enjoy toenail trimming.

12:15-1:45

Lunch

1:45-2:55

Session 3

Vitamin D, the Whole Story

Dr. Van Saun

The single most critical nutritional disease recognized in llamas and alpacas is a rickets condition related to vitamin D deficiency. This presentation will summarize the many research studies completed in defining the underlying issues of this disease, treatment and prevention.

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(a continuation)

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John Mallon

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Tips on Grooming

Dayle Russell

Have you ever thought, “I don’t even know where to begin with grooming?” Let Dayle teach you the basics of grooming and what brushes work best on different fiber types—double coat, suri, and silky. She has many tricks up her sleeve to share with you.

3:00-4:10

Session 4

Lessons to be Learned from Other Livestock Species

Darrell Anderson

The llama industry can learn a lot from other livestock breed associations. Darrell will share from his lifetime of experience in leading pedigreed sheep and swine associations; as well as his vast knowledge gained from serving as a consultant for many other species, including alpaca, beef cattle and draft horse. He has been involved in long-range strategic planning for 10 other livestock associations, and will share the lessons learned from those experiences.

Saturday continued

Your Farm and Saving on Taxes

Lori Oraschin

Did you know that you may pay ZERO percent tax to the IRS for certain farm income if put on a form 4797? Do you know what a listed Asset is and the safe harbor rules? Learn how to use IRS Section 179 and Bonus Depreciation most effectively and much, much more. This seminar is for beginner as well as very experienced breeders.

Botanical Flowers Needle Felting

Make and Take

Donna Markey

Session participants will utilize basic needle felting skills, as they mix fibers, blend colors, shade and add depth and dimension to create lifelike flowers on a wet felted background. (A basic neutral background will be provided or you can use a piece you wet felted in an earlier session). Sample flower pictures will be available, or feel free to bring a picture of a favorite flower along and we'll create it together. Limit 6

Leading on a Slack Lead (Repeat)

John Mallon

Teach your llama to lead on a loose lead, follow verbal and hand and foot cues.

Fireside Chat with Dr. Walker

This is a chance to ask Dr. Walker individual questions.

4:10 Break and Shopping

4:20-5:30 Session 5

Guard Llamas are in Demand

Hilary Ware

Come learn about what makes a good guard and how valuable our llamas are as protectors of other livestock. Pricing, your role as the seller and much more will be covered.

Fireside Chat with Dr. Van Saun

Relaxed and informal, come and ask your questions about nutrition or anything llama related. Dr. Van Saun has a long history with camelids.

Learn to Spin Lockspun Yarn

Teri Conroy

This session will teach you how to spin lockspun yarn, the art of spinning one lock of fiber at a time (it is not for the impatient). Lockspun yarn is a lovely accent yarn. I will have a variety of fibers for you to choose from. Only beginner spinning experience is needed; this yarn can be made on any wheel. Bring along your wheel or we will have a few wheels available. To see examples, visit my Facebook page: Wunsapana Farm Artisan Lockspun Yarn.

Portable Projects...Learn Kumihimo Braiding (Repeat)

Tina Stillhorn

Make and Take

Learn the ancient art of Japanese braiding using a Kumihimo disc. Tina will teach the basics and experiment with adding beads. Simple to learn, very addictive! Bust out your yarn stash and bring some yarn to try. Kits available for Sale.

Tips for performance competition (Repeat)

Mike Sheridan

Pick up some useful tips for good llama handling in the ring and acquire new ideas for improving your show results.

Hands on Medical Evaluations and Procedures

Dr. Pam Walker

This presentation will discuss basic information to gather when you think there is a problem and need to call the vet. Also, some routine procedures to do as a part of "Herd Health day". This is the time to ask all the questions you have always wanted to ask a vet! How do I body score? Where do I give shots? How best to oral dose? You can pre submit questions at the registration table.

5:30 Shopping and Silent Auction

6:30-7:30 Cocktails/Masquerade/ Shopping/ Silent Bidding

(The costumes will be judged during the cocktail hour with awards at 7:15.)

7:30 Dinner and Auction

SUNDAY

7:30-8:30 Breakfast on your own

7:30-8:30 Register Yard Sale items w/Tabbitha Haubold

8:30-9:15 Second Annual Yard Sale

9:15-10:25 Session 1

How to Prepare Your Shorn Fleece for a Show

Joy Bishop-Forshey

Not really sure where to begin when it comes to entering your fleece in a competition? Joy will give an informal demonstration of preparing your fleece for a show from both an exhibitor's and fiber judge's perspective. Attendees may bring their fleeces to examine if there is time.

Form and Function - What is the Judge Looking For?

Darrell Anderson

Have you sometimes wondered why your animal did not place higher? Or what the judge meant when he/she said, "your llama lacks the balance and style of the other llamas in the class"? Darrell will outline the basics of assessing the conformation, skeletal design, feet and leg issues and breed type characteristics of llamas in the show ring.

Running a Conference

Any Past Conference Chairs

Has the thought ever--even for a moment--crossed your mind that it might be fun to run a conference? Well, even if that has never crossed your mind, the truth is that this conference is the only one of its kind in the country and it HAS to continue. Where else would new and old llama owners learn from the Best about how to care for their animals? Get a few friends together and JUST DO IT. This session will teach you how.

Soumak Weaving

Anne Choi

Soumak is a free-form tapestry weaving technique that creates a wealth of textures and effects. Participants are invited to bring their dyed locks from Friday's dye session, and any fiber or yarn to use in their weaving. No weaving experience is necessary. Class size is limited to 12

Obstacle Training your Camelid (Repeat)

Mike Sheridan

Come learn the simple progressive steps that Mike uses for training llamas to follow basic commands.

10:30-11:40 Session 2

Showing A-Z

Carol Millard

Have you wanted to go to a show but didn't know where to begin? Well, Carol will take you through the process of where to find a show, how to prepare, what to take, and what to do when you get there. She will go over how to register, how to get a health certificate, and many other small things to consider. It is time to let Carol show you how much fun going to llama shows can be.

Homeopathy for the Animal and Owner

Cindy Wilt

Cindy will explain the principles of homeopathy and how this form of healing can be applied to both the llama and the owner.

Lockerhooking Make and Take

Laura DiDonato

Rug Hooking with yarn is a popular hobby and a unique and exciting way to express yourself. This class will help you get started hooking with yarn. Laura will touch on a variety of topics such as: learning how to get your design onto backing, hooking techniques, hemming and finishing, what types of wools/yarns to spin or use, how to dye for a variety of effects, and the variety of backing materials that can be used and which work best for certain projects. **Limited to 12**

Lead Rope Making Make and Take

Lars Garrison or Kathy Cooley

Come make a lead rope of your choosing. *If you have your own yarn bring it along if not we will have some. You will need to pay a few dollars for the clips.* This is a fun process to learn and if you have a machine, a great fund raiser for kids.

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12:00 Lunch and Good Byes!

Darrell Anderson

Darrell & Merlene Anderson have spent a majority of their life in the purebred livestock industry. They raised a very successful purebred Suffolk sheep flock in the early 1980's. Darrell judged sheep shows from coast to coast and also served as one of the top auctioneers for sheep sales. He also served five years as President of the National Suffolk Sheep Association, during which time it was the largest sheep registry in the U.S.

They were first captivated by llamas when Darrell was asked to auctioneer the first "production sale" of llamas held in the U.S. in 1986. The sale was hosted by Dr. Ben Huff of Salem, Oregon. While Darrell was selling 30 lots of llamas that averaged \$22,000 each, Merlene was falling in love with these fascinating animals.

They watched from the sidelines for many years while raising two wonderful sons. Then in the fall of 2000, they made their first investment in their foundation herd by purchasing three half sisters, whose sire later was named Grand National Champion.

Darrell has been blessed to serve as the auctioneer for most of the leading llama sales in the past five years and has also judged many llama shows from coast to coast.

Darrell retired after 25 years as CEO of the National Swine Registry. He has continued to stay involved in the pedigreed livestock industry by conducting strategic planning for many breed associations, including beef cattle, draft horse and alpacas.

Darrell and Merlene currently reside on a small acreage near West Lafayette, Indiana, home of Solid Rock Llamas. Solid Rock Llamas was founded on a strong belief in pedigrees, conformation, style and balance. In 2013, they held their first March Llama Madness show and Sale of Champions. It has grown into the largest llama show and most successful llama sale in the country. Held at the C-Bar-C Expo Center in Cloverdale, Indiana, the 2016 event attracted 274 llamas from 19 states.

Anne Choi

Anne Choi is a fiber enthusiast who is endlessly fascinated with the process of creating yarn. She revels in handcrafting breed-specific yarns that harmonize vibrant colors with luxurious textures. Each skein is blended and spun with the singular goal of showcasing the best attributes of each fiber. She believes in the inherent goodness of all natural fibers, and is committed to supporting local fiber farms and mills. She raises a small flock of Shetland and Romney sheep in Bedminster, NJ, and never tires of watching them grow their fleeces.

Middle Brook Fiberworks grew out of the pure joy of creating and sharing creative fiber arts endeavors with others. Products such as ColorSpun Necklaces, handspun yarn, hand-dyed fiber, and all-natural lotion bars embody the passionate dedication to create items that are unique and delightful, with a focus on sourcing materials that are local, sustainable, and pure.

Workshops are offered in a historic 1800s barn, renovated into a thoroughly modern studio space. This sunny and airy space, with its historic roots and modern sensibility, provides an environment to celebrate the exploration of craft and imagination. Classes investigate time-honored traditions, infused with contemporary techniques and personal vision. These

immersive, hands-on experiences will engage you physically and mentally, where you can learn the fiber arts and discover where your own creativity will take you. www.middlebrookfiberworks.com

Stan Ebel

Stan Ebel has been involved with llamas since 1977 when he and his wife founded Great Divide Llamas. The company focused on their breeding herd. Their animals were a Colorado State University cooperative research herd with Dr. LaRue Johnson in 1982.

Buckhorn Llama Co., Inc. was founded three years later and focused on providing guide and packing services in areas of Colorado, Wyoming, Southern Utah, and Northern Arizona. They provided leasing pack llamas to government agencies, businesses and private individuals. They continue to maintain a pool of 50-75 trained pack llamas.

Altiplano Insulation was founded in 1999. Altiplano produces ready-to-wear clothing made of 100% llama fiber. This was the first time llama fiber was used in the commercial production of high performance outerwear. Among Stan's "firsts," in the llama industry was designing and producing the first llama restraint chute in 1981, as well as the CO Pivot Pack (in collaboration with Jim and Luann Hook). He and the Hook's also started the Fairplay Pack Llama Race in 1982, an event that continues to this day.

He and his wife, Dianne, have been married 44 years. They have four children and five grandchildren.

Tom Knisely

Tom Knisely is the resident weaving and spinning instructor for Red Stone Glen Fiber Arts Center. Tom has been weaving and spinning for more than four decades. Tom is a regular contributor to Handwoven Magazine and has done several instructional videos for FW Media on many aspects of weaving. He has written two books. His first book is titled Weaving Rag Rugs and the second book is Weaving Baby Blankets. A third book is to be released in 2017 and gives ideas and patterns for weaving table toppers.

Tom enjoys collecting antique textiles as well as ethnic textiles to use in his classes as inspiration for project ideas. Tom lives in York County, PA and just a few minutes away from the studio. Red Stone Glen is owned and operated by his daughter Sara Bixler and her husband Dustin.

John Mallon

With over 40 years experience in the training of horses, dogs, and birds, John chose to devote himself exclusively to all aspects of the llama and alpaca industry since 1981.

Believing that "if you're not part of the solution, you're part of the problem," John has tried to give back to the llama and alpaca industry. He feels fortunate that his life has allowed him to dedicate each and every day to his effort.

He has an extensive personal library containing books concerning aspects of behavior and the way animals learn, all authored by those who are acknowledged in their respective fields. Several veterinarians have remarked on the depth of his library's scope.

John has personal and professional relationships with some

of the top camelid vets from coast to coast. In 1995, he was the only non-veterinarian invited to speak and attend at Tufts University Veterinarian Workshop.

In 1997, Dr. Eric Sharpnack published findings from blood taken at weaning, from llamas handled according to the Mallon Method, compared to llamas that were not handled. The findings showed a dramatic decrease in measurable stress levels in llamas handled. Thus, science holds what John had observed since 1989; there IS a demonstrable difference between crias handled extensively — and correctly at birth — to those left alone or trained at a later date.

Pamela Walker

Dr. Walker is a 1992 graduate of Kansas State University College of Veterinary Medicine. After two years in private practice as a Dairy practitioner, she went to the University of Illinois to complete a Food Animal Medicine and Surgery residency, where she also received her Masters of Science degree (MS). During this time, she finished her boards in the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine, specializing in Large Animals (ACVIM-LA). She has taught senior veterinary students at University of Illinois, Washington State University, Michigan State University, and The Ohio State University.

She loves to teach and has been invited to speak to owner/breeders and veterinarians about camelids in the US and internationally and is on the board of directors for the International Camelid Institute. She worked for 10 years as the full time veterinarian for a large Ohio Alpaca farm - Alpaca Jack's Suri Farm - where she was responsible for the medical, surgical, reproductive and daily health care of the alpacas. To continue with her love of teaching she is an instructor at a local College.

Dr. Walker practices in Grove City, Ohio at her clinic Camelid Care Veterinary Services. Her practice includes the medical and reproductive care of camelids across Ohio and beyond for consultations. She can be contacted at 419 – 306 – 9522 or for non – emergencies at pamwalker@hotmail.com.

Robert Van Saun

Robert Van Saun has earned DVM, MS, and PhD (ruminant nutrition) degrees and is a board certified diplomate in the American College of Theriogenologists (reproduction) and American College of Veterinary Nutrition. He joined the Penn State faculty as an extension veterinarian and is currently a Professor of Veterinary and Biomedical Sciences. His professional activities include teaching, research and providing extension programs across species on various nutrition, animal health and reproductive topics regionally, nationally and internationally. Research interests include the role of nutrition in animal health and performance, especially pregnancy nutrition, and improving diagnostic tests to evaluate nutritional status. Completed research projects in llamas and alpacas dealt with vitamin D, hepatic lipidosis, and trace mineral nutrition.

He has recently published articles describing llama and alpaca nutritional requirements that are incorporated into the new NRC small ruminant nutrient requirements publication. He is one of the contributing editors to the new book, Llama and Alpaca Care; Medicine, Surgery, Reproduction, Nutrition and Herd Health.

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DEADLINES AND REMINDERS

Use the **online registration** at www.galaonline.org and pay by check or credit card or mail the **paper Registration** form with check only to Carol Millard by September 22 for Early Deadline



Don’t forget to submit some photos for the **GALA 2017 Calendar** by September 15 to GALACalendarPhotos@hotmail.com and preorder your calendar on the Registration Form.



 Email your **Notebook Ad** in PDF Form to Katrina Capasso by September 10, 2016.

 Search your Farm for Items to sell or swap at the **GALA Yard Sale**. Bring them to Conference and sign up for the Yard Sale with Tabbethia

Sign up as a **Sponsor** (use the online or paper registration!) and Email your **Sponsor notebook ad** to bev.v@comcast.net by 9/10/2016. Indicate you are a sponsor in your email.



Get your fleeces entered in the **Fleece Show and Sale** by October 18, 2016 and bring them to the conference or mail the fleeces to Carol Reigh to arrive by October 22.



Call the Inn at Reading for **Reservations** by September 28 for Special Reserved Rates. State you are with GALA. 1-610- 372-7811 - ask for the Group Reservations Desk



Make a **centerpiece** for the dinner Saturday and to help with fundraising at the auction! See the requirements on page 3.

Mail **Fundraiser Items** to Carol Reigh to arrive by October 22 if you are not attending.



Create a costume for the Saturday Night Masquerade!



 Mail your Original Photos for **GALA Photo Contest** to Bob Wolf by October 13.

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