

30 COLORFUL YEARS

GALA Conference

NOVEMBER 2-5, 2017

It is ALMOST that time again.....where the leaves start to fall, the light of day leaves us too soon, but MOST importantly it is conference time. Time to come together and educate ourselves about our four legged friends and time to get together with our two legged friends. This year's conference will be held at the Radisson in Corning, N.Y. on November 2 – 5, 2017. We have been working hard all year long in hopes of seeing you all at this year's conference. We are fortunate this year to have one of our founding members as a keynote speaker, Marty McGee Bennett. Also, a new person to GALA who is going to share her experiences and story about her walk on the Appalachian trail. You will see some familiar faces from our organization sharing their knowledge, talents and a few may take you places you have never been before. So, make your reservations now to be part of the past, present and future of your organization, GALA, as we celebrate this hallmark anniversary.

Two ways to register:

1. By paper registration

OR

2. Terry's favorite- **ONLINE**

Go to www.galaonline.org look for link that says REGISTRATION FORM

BEST WAY TO REGISTER IS.....**EARLY**

Look forward to seeing you all soon for knowledge, laughs and most of all memories to last a lifetime!

GALA Conference Committee 2017

LODGING

30 Colorful Years, the 2017 “30th” annual conference of the Greater Appalachian Llama and Alpaca Association, will be held in Corning, New York at the Radisson Hotel. Corning, New York is home to the Corning Glass Museum close to the hotel. Corning shuttle bus runs every 10 - 15 minutes from 9am to 8pm to museums/town and back to Market St. (Radisson parking lot where our tent will be). In 2013, the City of Corning was voted the Most Fun Small Town in America by Rand McNally’s Best of the road.

The Radisson has reserved a block of rooms for us at \$119.00 - \$129.00 plus tax. Please state that you are with GALA when you make your reservations. Reservations must be made by October 11, 2017. Check in time is after 4 p.m. and check out is at 1 p.m.

Breakfast is on your own. There is a restaurant on site or the hotel is within walking distance of local restaurants.

For reservations call the main number for Radisson: 1-607-962-5000. Remember to let them know you are with GALA.

RADISSON, CORNING

The Radisson is located at 125 Denison Parkway East, Corning, NY. The Radisson a 177-room hotel ensures an enjoyable stay with convenient on-site amenities like an indoor pool, a fitness center, free Wi-Fi, a restaurant and a bar. If your stiff muscles are telling you it’s time for a massage, stop by [AgeLess SPA](#) for revitalizing treatments and services. Grill 1-2-5 is located on site, this restaurant offers breakfast, lunch

and dinner options as well as a great selection of local wines. For a more casual setting, check out the Steuben Bar, which offers a variety of drink choices, plus appetizers, sandwiches and burgers.

LODGING REGISTRATION

Lodging Registration must be done at the main registration desk at Radisson. If you enter the main entrance it will be located on your left

TRANSPORTATION

The closest airport to Corning is Elmira Corning Regional Airport (ELM). Distance from Elmira Corning Regional Airport to [Corning, NY](#) is 8.4 miles. If driving, take exit 46 off Rt.86/17. 125 Denison Pkwy E, Corning, NY 14830

GALA MEMBERSHIP DUES

GALA dues are \$40.00 per year or \$500.00 for a life time membership. The year membership runs from January 1 – December 31. Please include payment with registration form. New and renewed memberships are good through December 2018.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

Early registration deadline is September 15, 2017. Conference registration will take place just inside hotel entrance on Thursday evening at 4:00 p.m. If no one is at the conference table, please check back or feel free to locate a conference committee member. There will be an extra copy of the conference schedules on the table. You will need to be registered with name tags to attend meals and workshop sessions.

FIRST TIME ATTENDEES

GALA members who have never been to a conference before, qualify for a 50 percent discount on conference registration. This discount is supported by a grant from the Maine Llama Association. Simply cut your registration amounts in half in the conference registration form.

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 at the conference.

CONFERENCE MEALS

Reminder: Please make sure you wear your name tag to all meals. Buffet and sit down meals have been planned for your enjoyment. **UPON REQUEST:** vegetarian or gluten free cuisine will be provided. Please make sure you check appropriate place on your registration form.

VENDOR SPACE

Vendors will be located near the sessions. This will allow everyone to have access and locked at night. Each vendor space is a \$100.00 that includes a table and chair. Please let us know if you need electricity for your display and provide your own extension cord. Vendor set up begins at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 2. Vendors must be set up by 11pm on Thursday and may begin to break down on Sunday at 11:00am.

MEAL PACKAGE

A meal package is available for \$175.00 per person for vendors or others. Includes: Thursday icebreaker, Friday and Saturday lunch, Friday and Saturday dinner, Sunday brunch and all scheduled breaks. For vendors not purchasing meal package, there are several restaurants in town, along with the hotel restaurant for your dining pleasure.

FARM BANNERS

Farm Banners are welcome and will be hung by the Radisson 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 and products. A 6' x 18" deep table will be provided for each display at \$60 each. Display space will be available on a first come first serve basis. Set up is 3:00p.m. Thursday. Please fill in appropriate spot on registration @.

ANIMAL TENT

The lamas/alpacas 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 do so.

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 mostly 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 fundraisers. 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 camelid specific. To help keep track of donations being made, please complete the fundraising section of the registration form.

If you do not have an item to donate, a donation can be made by check, payable to Conference 2017 Fundraising.

If you are unable to bring your donation(s) to the conference, please mail by:

October 21st to : Dawn Bishop, P.O. Box 477, 915 Woodmancy Rd., Tully, NY 13159

GALA "30 COLORFUL YEARS" T-SHIRTS

These were pre-ordered and mailed. Please check with registration table we may have extras for sale.

GALA PHOTO CONTEST

Enter the GALA photo contest. Contest categories include: Altered Image, At Work, Black and 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 must be included with your entries (Checks made payable to GALA).

Information about the photo contest guidelines can be found on the GALA website at www.galaonline.org or in the GALA newsletter.

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

Deadline: October 13, 2017.

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	\$ 20.00

Please mail advertising form included in registration packet. Email your Ad in PDF format to Katrina Capasso at llamawhisps@aol.com by September 1, 2017.

SPONSORSHIP

Each year the annual conference is made possible through the generosity of members and the camelid 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

Colorburst	\$1000.00 or more
Florescent Pink	\$ 500.00
Vibrant Blue	\$ 250.00
Neon Green	\$ 150.00
Electric Yellow	\$ 50.00
Blazing Orange	\$ 25.00

For more information on 30 Colorful Years sponsorship level perks please

refer to the GALA newsletter or GALA website. www.galaonline.org

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 how to:

*Some of the sessions have a limit to participants and added cost.

***Felting a Hat**- Donna Markey

Class time: Saturday 1:45 p.m.-5:45 p.m. Cost: \$60.00 per person (limit 10)

***Making an infinity scarf** (dyeing)

Knit Buffalo – Jenna Meyer

Class time: Friday 11:00 a.m. -12:10pm (repeat) Saturday 11:00a.m.-12:10pm
Cost: \$30.00 per person (limit 10 each session)

'Sock it to me' – Gail Fulkerson

Knit this favorite sock pattern, Larissa's boot socks. Class is free, but students should bring-size #4 needles, (4 needles, or 2 circular needles of 16 inches or 'magic loop') and 4 oz. of worsted weight wool yarn. Bring your yarn & needles or buy off Knit Buffalo truck or from yarn store that's right by hotel. * students should know how to knit & purl, some knitting experience required.

ANNUAL MEETING

The GALA annual meeting will be held Sunday morning from 9:00 – 10:30. This is a chance for you to catch up with what is happening with *YOUR* organization.

CORNING GLASS MUSEUM

Corning Glass Museum, www.cmog.org/, has offered GALA members 15% (\$16.57) off price of admission. A museum ticket is usable for two days. You will be able to see the museum from the hotel, so you can either walk or drive over. Museum Hours: **9am – 5 pm**

Also available is the ability to actually **make a glass product**. Sign up for a glass workshop. This must be done in advance during September or October. Best time to take one of these classes is Friday or Saturday. Check flyer that was put in your GALA newsletter otherwise go to <http://www.cmog.org/visit/make-your-own-glass> or feel free to call Corning Glass (607)937-5371 to schedule an appointment.

ROCKWELL MUSEUM

Also in Corning and nearby is the Rockwell Museum within a few steps of hotel. Learn about how art is expressed through stories about the American Experience. This summer one highlight is histories and memories tied to humble household objects – blankets. How can a simple blanket ignite conversations? Free shuttle is available. <https://rockwellmuseum.org/>

CALENDAR

Don't forget to purchase your 2018 GALA Calendar. Just \$15.00. You can use it to mark down next years conference.

ICE BREAKER/WINE TASTING

Thursday evening Ice Breaker is going to include a Finger Lakes Wine Tour;

without leaving the hotel. Eight local wines from the Finger Lakes region will be available for your tasting pleasure for an hour. Sign up for Ice Breaker in your registration. Please sign up for the wine tasting at the GALA registration table when you get to the conference if you would like to be a part of it.

Note: ALL PRESENTERS-the hotel has HDMI and VGA, if you have a MAC you need to bring an adapter.

How to Register for this year's Conference

Credit Card or Check, makes no difference !



Log on to the GALA Website and click
2017 Conference. You will see a link to
the REGISTRATION FORM

www.galaonline.org

Don't have a computer?

Gotta friend with a computer? Just log onto the GALA website and follow links to registration.

Don't want to use the computer?

Call Terry 207-549-5774, he will register for you.

Before you call have this information ready:

- How many will you be registering (full or partial)
- Amount you want to sponsor
- Meal requirements
- Workshops for which you wish to pre-register.

Still rather use paper?

There is a form included with this booklet.

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Thursday, November 2, 2017

1:00 Animal Tent set up/Vendor set up

3:00 – 7:00 Conference Registration

5:00 – 7:00 Dinner on your own (5:30 DINNER BOD Meeting)

7:00- 8:30 Ice Breaker (make new memories with friends of your future and friends of your past.) – Sign up when you register.

7:00 – 8:00 Wine tasting tour without leaving the hotel – Sign up when you register.

7:00 Entertainment
Dr. K', Paul Kempkes; solo guitar for our ice breaker will play your favorites from Steely Dan, Springsteen to Ramones & Jackson 5!

Don't forget to visit the camelid tent.

Alpacas courtesy of: Don and Catherine-Sunshine Alpacas

Llamas courtesy of:
Scott Dyke- Buffalo Creek Llamas
Karen and Bob Taylor-Snowy Oaks Llamas
John Conboy – Schoharie Llamas

Friday, November 3, 2017

7:00 – 8:00 Breakfast on your own/
Conference registration

8:00- 9:20 KEYNOTE Speaker – Marty McGee Bennett

Marty is the founder of CAMELDynamics, she has traveled around the world teaching others to understand camelids. Marty is also a founding member of GALA. Marty's books, clinics, & videos have helped thousands of owners and veterinarians worldwide. She will share travel stories and teach.

9:30 – 10:40 Session 1

1. Marty McGee Bennett Cohocton

Understanding your camelids. Camelidynamics, camelids and the science of applied behavioral analysis.

2. Ron Caruso website Directors

Learn about the GALA website and how to find your way around. Also learn what happens behind the scenes of putting a website together.

3. Mike Sheridan Tent

Training your llama to maneuver through obstacles. Mike will show you some technique to use for in and out of the show ring.

Fiber: Gail Fulkerson Sock it to ME

Come learn to knit a sock. Bring your own supplies or you can buy onsite .

10:40 – 11:00 Light Break/Shopping

11:00- 12:10 Session 2

1. Dr. Patrick Long Cohocton

Herd Health and what you can do to help. The talk will consist of everything from parasites to the overall wellbeing of beloved camelids.

2. FFA students-NY State rep Directors

NYS FFA students will enlighten you about the FFA Organization. Let you know what FFA is and what it does.

3. Scott Dyke Tent

Llamas got Talent come see for yourself. Demonstrations will be performed. Q&A will be available on training technique.

Fiber: Jenna Meyer – PAID CLASS – Scarf \$30 preregistered (Limit 10)

Jenna will be here with her Knit Buffalo truck, a yarn store on wheels. Knit Buffalo offers exceptional indie dyed yarns and she will show us how to dye a scarf in a microwave. Sign-ups for this session are \$30. includes all materials and scarf. Second class offered if needed.

12:15-1:45 LUNCH

1:45- 2:55 Session 3

1. Groton City-Katherine Dart Cohocton

Learn from a local vet what it is like to be on the road and what you might do to make your vets, visit a little less complicated. These upstate vets will tell us what they see currently in llama & alpaca health and what's all in a day's work when you take your office on the road

2. Ron Caruso trip Directors

Take a trip to the end of the world. No packing or passport required.

3. Marty McGee Bennett Tent

Demonstrations on how to interact with camelid. Importance of how to catch a camelid appropriately. Questions and answers

Fiber: Ongoing demonstrations/ T-shirt decorating station.

3:00 – 4:15 Session 4

1. Dr. Katherine Dart Directors

Learn about different things vets are starting to see in our camelids from a Cornell graduate and an alpaca owner as well.

2. Dr. Daniela Bedenice Cohocton

Updated talk on what is going on with meningeal studies.

3. Marty McGee- Bennett Tent

Working with your camelid. Questions and answers

Fiber: Donna Markey Making a Gnome

Make and take a gnome. Learn how to felt a gnome to help get into the holiday season.

4:15 – 4:30 Break

4:30 – 5:45 Session 5

1. Dr. Bedenice Cohocton

Dr. Bedenice, associate professor and researcher, enlightens us on the miracle antibodies held within llama blood that are becoming a new avenue to fight several diseases in humans.

2. Sue Drumm Directors

From Alpacas to YAKS- Listen to her talk on why Yaks.

3. John Conboy Tent

Come out and learn the basics of working with your camelids.

Fiber: Ongoing demonstrations/T-shirt decorating station.

Partial package I begins

6:00- 7:15 Dinner

7:15 Entertainment

Saturday, November 4, 2017

7:00 – 8:00 Breakfast on your own

Partial package II begins

8:30 – 9:40 Session 1

1. Dr. Patrick Long Cohocton

Older Camelids: As we grow older so do our camelids. There will be discussion on what to do for our aging animals.

2. Mike Sheridan – trip Directors

Come listen to the travels to South America from someone who studied the volcanic rock of the Bolivian altiplano.

3. Carol Millard - Barn tips Tent

What's in your barn? Carol is a GALA member and long time, llama owner, and as such she has tips & tricks learned from years of thinking outside the box, using 'off label' and collected from farm experiences. Bring a favorite tool for show & tell, share what you can't live without on your farm.

Fiber: Pat McKinney – felting on clothing

Come learn how to needle felt on clothing from someone who is amazing with a felting needle.

9:45 – 10:10 Break

10:15- 11:15 Session 2

1. Marty McGee Bennett Cohocton

Two personality type of camelid babies. Find out the best way to raise them.

2. Aaron Wightman Directors

Forest Crops as an opportunity for small farms.

Learn how your woodlot could produce unique and profitable wood products.

3. John Conboy – shear Tent

Come learn some shearing techniques from someone who has turned it into a business. John is a GALA member a cart driving trainer, a toe trimming/ shearing master. He will show you some things to make spa day on your farm easier.

Fiber: Jenna – PAID CLASS – Scarf \$30 preregister (Limit 10)

Come make an infinity scarf using a dyeing technique and of all things a microwave.

11:30 – 12:15 Keynote Speaker

Diane Beckwith Ballroom

Take a hike without leaving your seat. Join Diane and her journey on the Appalachian trail. Diane decided to hike the AT as a gift to herself for her 60th Birthday. Hear how she planned, trained and completed her 1023 mile hike. She will show us her photos, as well as her pack and supplies. She teaches swimming & gymnastics at Cornell University in her regular life as well as being wife, mom of 3 and running a youth program at her church.

12:15-1:45 LUNCH

1:45-2:55 Session 3

1. Cornell vet Cohocton

2. Diane Beckwith Directors

Follow up on her hiking session from earlier. To hike or not to hike that is the question. You are never too old.

3. Marty McGee Bennett Tent

Demonstrations on how to interact with camelid. Importance of how to catch a camelid appropriately. Questions and answers

Fiber: Donna Markey PAID CLASS – Hat \$60.00 preregister (Limit 10)

Fiber room- Design your T-shirts – learn a techniques using sharpie. (people available to help)

3:05- 4:15 Session 4

PARTY UNDER THE TENT with Marty McGee

Last session with one of our founding members.

Time to make some lasting memories and share some “colorful” moments.

Fiber: Ongoing demonstrations or finish projects

4:15- 4:30 BREAK

4:30 – 5:45 Session 5

1. Dr. Patrick Long Cohocton

Come find out what is happening with the Morris Foundation.

2. Carol Reigh Directors

Got Fiber? GALA member who has been involved with a Fiber Co-op. Find out what a co-op is all about.

3. Scott Dyke Tent

Llamas got Talent come see for yourself. Demonstrations will be performed. Q&A will be available on training technique. (REPEAT)

Fiber: Ongoing demonstrations

6:00- 7:00 Cocktails

7:00 Dinner/Auction

Sunday, November 5, 2017

8:00 -9:00 Breakfast Ballroom

9:00 Annual Meeting Ballroom

After meeting feel free to shop/get on the road/spend time with friends or do a little sightseeing.