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Letter from the President

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Wishing our FALA members a Happy New Year!

I want to personally thank you all for your participation this year in our FWC Show, FL State Fair, Education Seminar, Alpaca/Llama Trek, and other shows throughout the year! Our attendance was up in all of our FALA events!

We are very excited to kick off 2024 with our 3rd annual Florida Winter Classic Show on January 27th. There will be amazing alpacas and llamas competing from many FALA farms. There will be a lot of vendors and delicious food trucks at the show. Special thanks to our Gold and Silver Show sponsors! We look forward to seeing you out there participating and/or supporting this year's show!

We are also looking forward to a fun Florida State Fair in February. Our Board is already working on guest speakers for our educational seminar in July and we are working on some other potential exciting events during the coming year.

If you know of new farms that are not FALA members yet, have them go to www.falainc.com to sign up. It is only \$25 for the entire year and they will have access to our upcoming events and Camelid Community!

Wishing everyone a safe, healthy, and happy 2024!

John Previte

FALA President

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Reminder: Membership is due by January 31, 2024



FALA Membership is only \$25 for the entire year!
 Become part of our *Caring and Sharing Camelid Community*.
 Here are just some of our yearly events our members enjoy.



**Annual Florida Winter
 Classic Fun Show!**
 January 27, 2024



**Florida State Fair Sponsors
 and Participation!**
 February 15-18, 2024



Free Educational Seminar
 July 22, 2023

- Herd Health
- Guest Speakers from UF
- Fiber Projects
- Agritourism
- Roundtable Discussions



Annual Meeting, Picnic and Alpaca / Llama hike!
 November 5, 2023

Go to www.falainc.com to join our community!



2024

FALA Winter Classic Alpaca and Llama Show

**Florida Classic Park
5360 Lockhart Rd
Brookville, FL
January 27, 2024**



**Join us for a fun, educational and a rewarding day!
All levels welcome first time, novice, and experienced exhibitors.
Halter and Performance Classes.
Visit www.falainc.com/FWC for entries and information**



FALA Winter Classic

ALPACA / LLAMA SHOW

Saturday, January 27, 2024

Florida Classic Park
5360 Lockhart Rd
Brooksville, FL 34602

SPONSOR FORM

Our 3rd annual FALA Winter Classic is a one-day show for any FALA alpaca and llama ranches wishing to participate in Halter and Performance classes. Spectator admission is free.

We are excited to announce a Golden level sponsorship for this event. Previously we only offered the Silver Sponsorship, but with the Gold Sponsorship your organization receives additional recognition and benefits including a vendor spot, which is a \$25 value. This event will also have a sponsor table for your business cards or brochures to be displayed as well as our sponsor board. Our continued success is because of sponsors like you!

- **Gold Sponsor - \$100** - Your company name will be featured on all FWC advertisements, the FWC onsite Sponsor Board and FALA website.
You will also receive a vendor spot (\$25 value) and may showcase business cards and brochures at the sponsor table and company banners during the event.
- **Silver Sponsor - \$25** - Your company name will be added to the FWC onsite Sponsor Board and FALA website.
 - Show starts at 8:00 AM and ends at approximately 5:00 PM
 - Please make checks payable to **FALA Inc.**
 - Mail this form, the check and any business cards or flyers that you wish to be displayed at the event to **FALA 26093 Olympia Road, Brooksville FL 34601.**

Sponsor Name: _____

Phone Number: _____ **Email Address:** _____

Business Type:

Ranch: _____ **Veterinary:** _____ **Shearer:** _____

Breeder: _____ **Other:** _____

MEMBERS HAVING FUN WITH LLAMAS . . .

AT THE INVERNESS CHRISTMAS PARADE



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The Llama Hunter

By Terry Thorspecken

The Llama Hunter's latest adventure was on Bruce and Kathi Volling's lovely farm, Vollama Acres in Micanopy. Don't try to pronounce that out loud. It doesn't make sense and you'll never get it right. Micanopy is an interesting, small, historic town in Marion County, FL. I went with my friend Cheri and we had a nice lunch and browsed antique shops before heading to the farm. It was a good thing we had GPS because the farm is hidden in a beautiful area way off the main road.

At the farm, the four of us climbed into the Mule (I think it was a Kawasaki) and set off to explore the spacious farm and its green pastures. One of their cats rode on the roof all the way with us wherever we went. The Vollings have many beautiful llamas and adorable alpacas, some of championship blood. One sire, in particular, was in his own pasture and stood looking at us like, 1) I know I'm gorgeous and 2) When can I see my girlfriend again? I was envious as a few llamas and one in particular were sweethearts and good for pets, kisses, and nuzzles. My llamas are still anti-social. Bruce and Kathi told me to give them time. Unfortunately, the Llama Hunter isn't a patient person but will try. Barb Zimmerman told me to talk to them while I walk them but I think my boys are tired of the stories I tell of when I got them and who their parents are.

It's interesting to see how many farms have similarities but are also a bit different in terms of structures, fencing, and feeding. The Vollama llamas and alpacas eat in their own separate stall in the pasture. It seems to keep the peace.



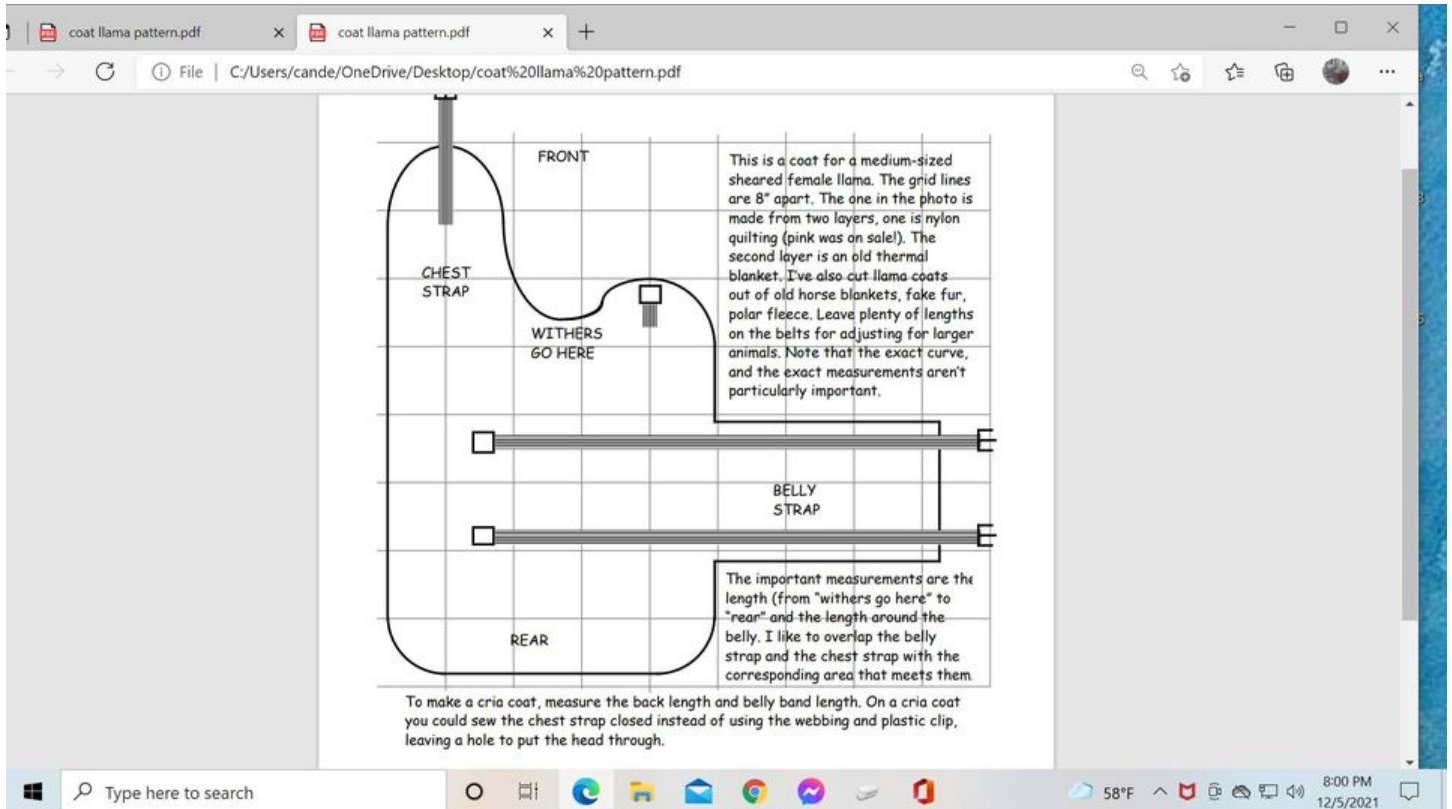
Like most llama owners, the Vollings love all types of animals. They have an adorable Zebu cow which apparently only likes Kathi. They have cute donkeys (aren't all donkeys cute?) and many sheep who follow Bruce around like...well, sheep.



The Vollings have 40 acres and we took a ride out to see more of their fully forested property. I wish I had written about Vollama Acres sooner as I'm sure I left some things out. The bottom line, the farm is in a lovely location with many nice animals and we were given a warm welcome and a nice tour.



Llama Or Cria Coat Pattern



**We're on the
Web!
Falainc.com**

2024 Calendar of Events

January 9 — Shipped entries for FL State Fair Creative Living must arrive by this date

January 11-13 — Entries delivered to the FL State Fairgrounds

January 27 —Florida Winter Classic

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★ Need to re-home a llama or alpaca? Contact Claudia Hammack, llamachick@yahoo.com

★ Youth interested in showing a llama or alpaca for FFA, 4-H, or for fun? Contact Tracy Weaver, lotsallamas@earthlink.net

