



Florida Alpaca & Llama Association Inc.
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JULY 2010 NEWSLETTER

Members:

Our Officers and Board of Directors held a phone conference on July 21 at 7pm. Directors present: Eydie Robshaw, Charlene Braun, Steve German, Lisa Dreggors, Susan Moreland, Bruce Volling, and Tracy Weaver. The purpose of our conference was to discuss the upcoming officer and directors election to be held at the November meeting.

During our discussion, we concluded that several sections of our by-laws need to be amended.

Section 5.1 regarding Officers; Section 5.6 regarding the election of officers; Section 6.2 regarding Number, Tenure, Term; and Sections 10.1, 10.2, 10.3, and 10.4 regarding Nominating committee's.

At our next meeting, in August, we will present those changes. The members may vote to approve the changes at that time. We will also open nominations for officer and board member positions. We would like nominations for all positions.

Our director, Eydie Robshaw, (missling@comcast.net or 954-461-0717) will be taking nominations through email or phone calls, if you desire that method of response. We will vote for those positions at our November meeting at Rye Park.

Please plan to attend our August meeting at Susan and Dan Moreland's home. These items of business are very important to our organization and its success.

Sincerely,

Tracy Weaver FALA President



FALA Fiber Clinic

Hi Everybody! Hope you all are having a good summer. If you came to the Fiber Clinic in June, I know you had a least one fun and fascinating day. Tracy hosted the clinic at her school including a yummy lunch so we had the perfect area to work in air conditioned comfort. The 12 of us who attended fell into 2 groups... talented crafters and those like me, watching in amazement. There were interesting demonstrations, hands-on projects, and lots beautiful crafts to oooh and aaah over.

Charlene Braun showed us how to use a petite drum carder to turn raw fiber into rovings. She also had a beautiful braided llama wool rug, felted earrings and dryer balls (cat toys to me).

Kim Buchy explained the parts and use of two spinning wheels. She had a double treadle Castle wheel and a single treadle Saxony wheel. She made it look so easy turning the rovings into yarn. She also demonstrated using a drop spindle, which is a fairly simple and less expensive way to start spinning. She had a display of beautiful yarns she has spun.

Kay Ables was the weaving expert. She demonstrated setting up and weaving on a simple loom, a Peacock loom, and a peg loom. We did a project on a small pocket loom made of sturdy cardboard and straight pins. She displayed gorgeous placemats and other woven crafts.

Mary Rothering taught dry felting and had adorable felted animals and other items.

Claire-Marie Warner showed us how to dye fiber using KoolAid mix and demonstrated wet felting and soap felting.

All of these ladies were amazing and so nice to share their time and knowledge (THANK YOU). I had no idea all the interesting things that could be done with llama and alpaca fiber or how many talented crafters belong to FALA. If you missed the clinic this year, mark the date next year and come enjoy the fun!

Crafter 'wanna-be' Susan Moreland



Next FALA Meeting
August 22, 2010 at 1 pm.
The meeting is at the Susan and Dan
Moreland's farm, Stone Leaf Llamas,
671 E. Highway 316, Citra, FL 32113

The calendar is full. I will start a waiting list if anyone is interested. We will have some great layouts this year! The South East Llama Rescue is being included thanks to a kind and generous donation from a FALA member. Contact Kathi Volling with any calendar questions LlamaMamaKathi@aol.com

Please look at the attached FALA minutes to see what was discussed for future planning.

Please go to the FALA website www.falainc.com for information on the

2010 FL Small Farm & Alternative Enterprise Conference -

July 31 - August 1, 2010

Keep those animals cool and alive!

Fans, pools, sprinkle the ground, shear again, etc.



Landon Cooper Volling



The Poillion's grandson Hank